



# Technologies in Education: P-12 Educational Networking

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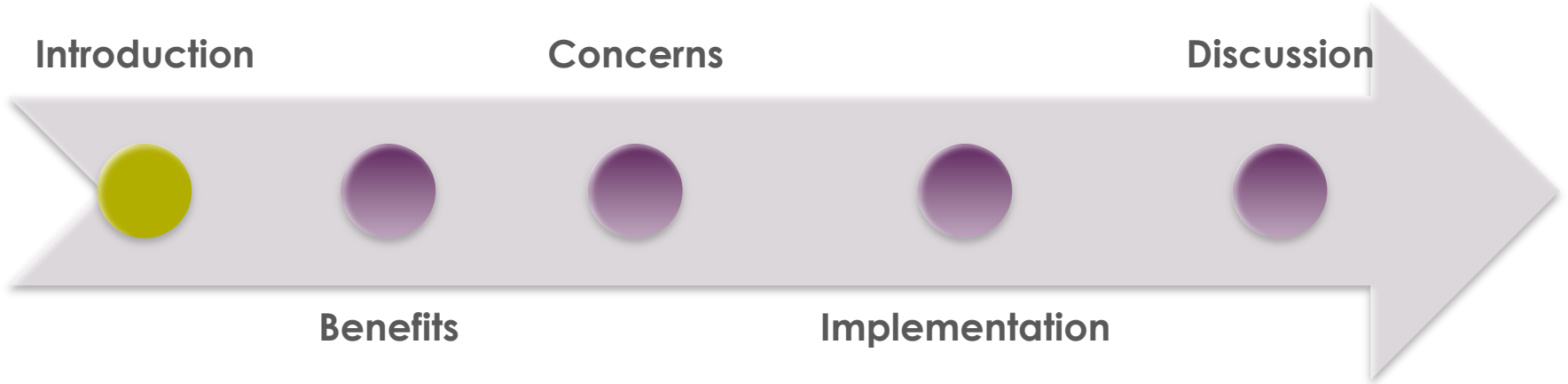
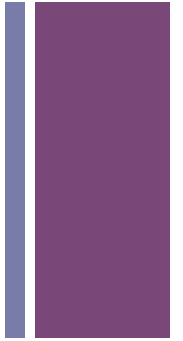
The primary goal of this presentation is to provide a current landscape surrounding social networking research, policies, and practices in P-12 education.

## ■ Goals

- Gain knowledge of the potential link between educational networking and student achievement.
- Become aware of the challenges and concerns surrounding educational networking, and how schools, districts, or states may alleviate these inhibiting factors.
- Understand what policies or protocols can be leveraged to create a successful pilot program using educational networking.
- Learn about different platform options that can be used situationally to balance risk and reward.



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## Current Usage

- nearly three-quarters of teenage internet users spend time on social networking websites
- 60% of students use social networks to talk about educational topics
- 50% of students use the networks to “talk specifically about school-work”

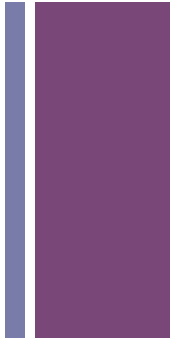


## **Embracing *Educational Networking***

- coined by Steve Haggard, the founder of Ning
- use of social networking technologies for educational purposes
- aligns with federal and state goals to promote innovative and collaborative technology



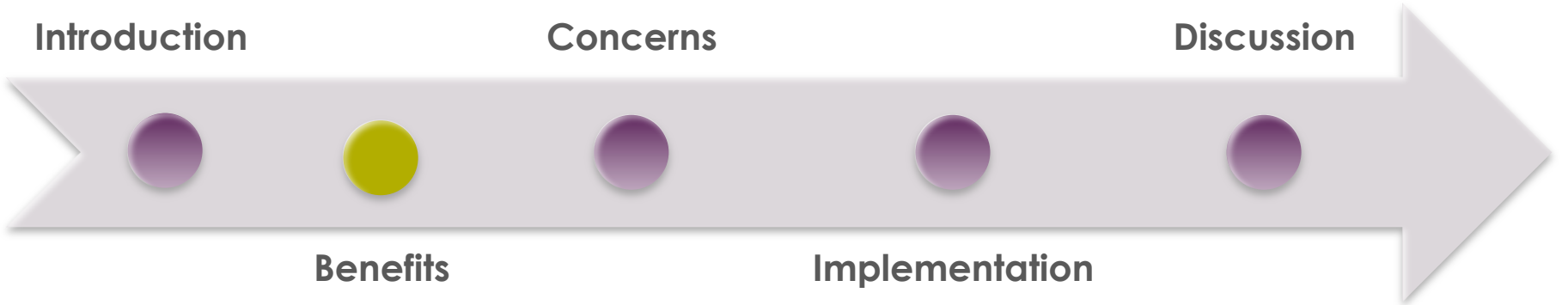
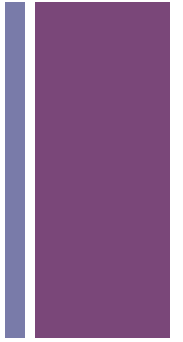
# Introduction



- How are the students you know currently using social networking tools?
- Would you say they are using social networking tools in an educationally positive way? How might you change that?
- Are they allowed to use these tools in the classroom? What are the impediments or allowances made in your school in terms of the use of technology in and out of the classroom?



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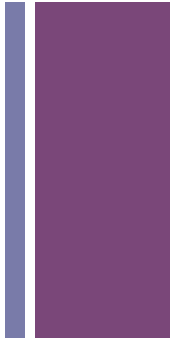




## **Benefits of *Educational Networking***

- Early Recognition of Student Needs and Formative Assessment
- Establishment of Classroom Community
- Student Engagement
- Sense of Student Achievement
- Information Management
- Access to Marginalized Students

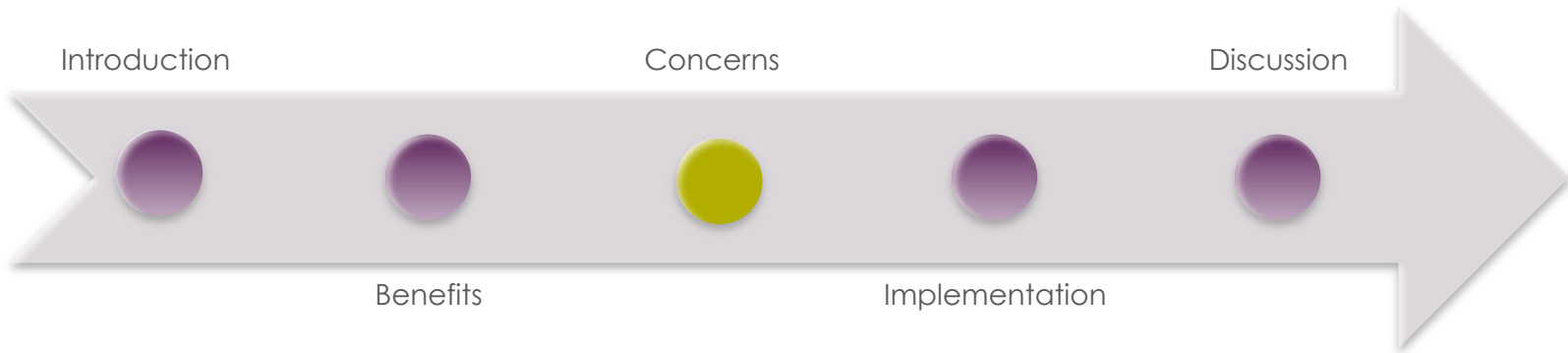
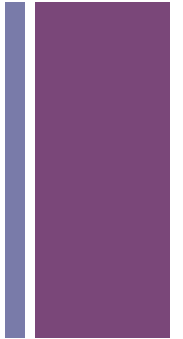
# + Benefits



- What are some other possible benefits of educational networking, other than those listed above?
- How can educational networking be used to address the diverse needs of students?



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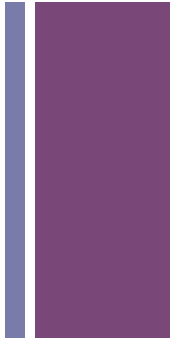


## Concerns relating to *Educational Networking*

- Legality
- Privacy of educators
- Equity of access
- Lack of resources



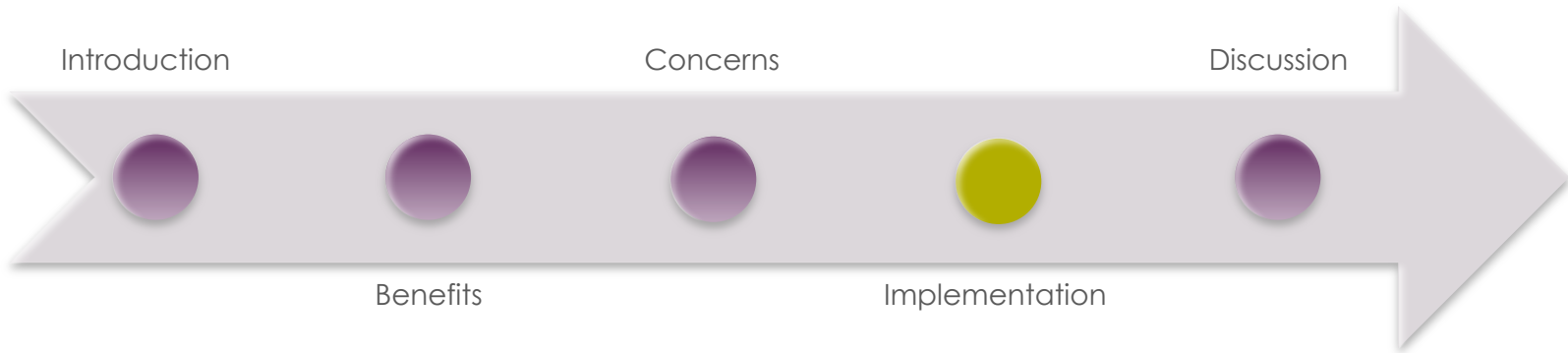
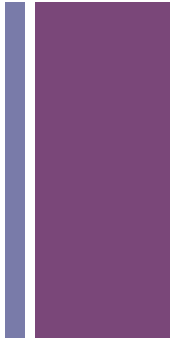
# Concerns



- What are some concerns you have about educational networking, other than those listed above?
- At a policy level, how can these concerns about educational networking be addressed?



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## Implementing *Educational Networking* in New York State

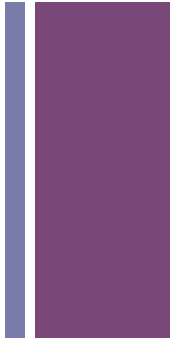
- Develop a pilot program
- Set a criteria for pilot schools
- Develop an agreed-upon Appropriate Use Policy for Educational Networking
- Deploy pilot with an accompanying evaluation process in place
- Develop a network with schools, community-based organizations, and cultural institutions



## Considerations for Best Practices in *Educational Networking*

- Digital Citizenship
- Accessibility
- Freedom of contributions
- Correct platform for district needs

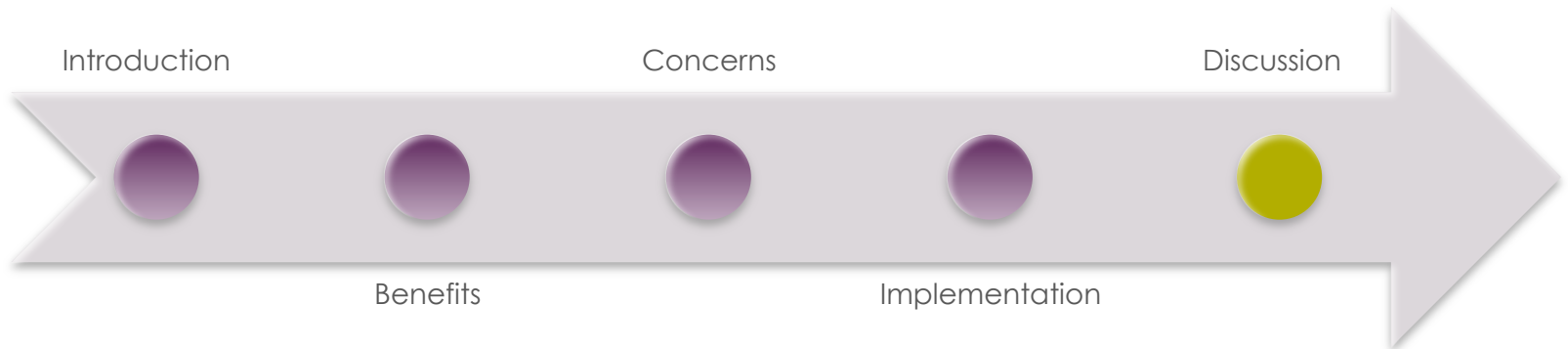
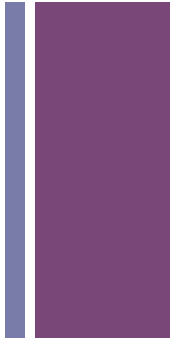
# + Implementation



- How can you best implement educational networking in your area?
- What are some challenges you might face during implementation?



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