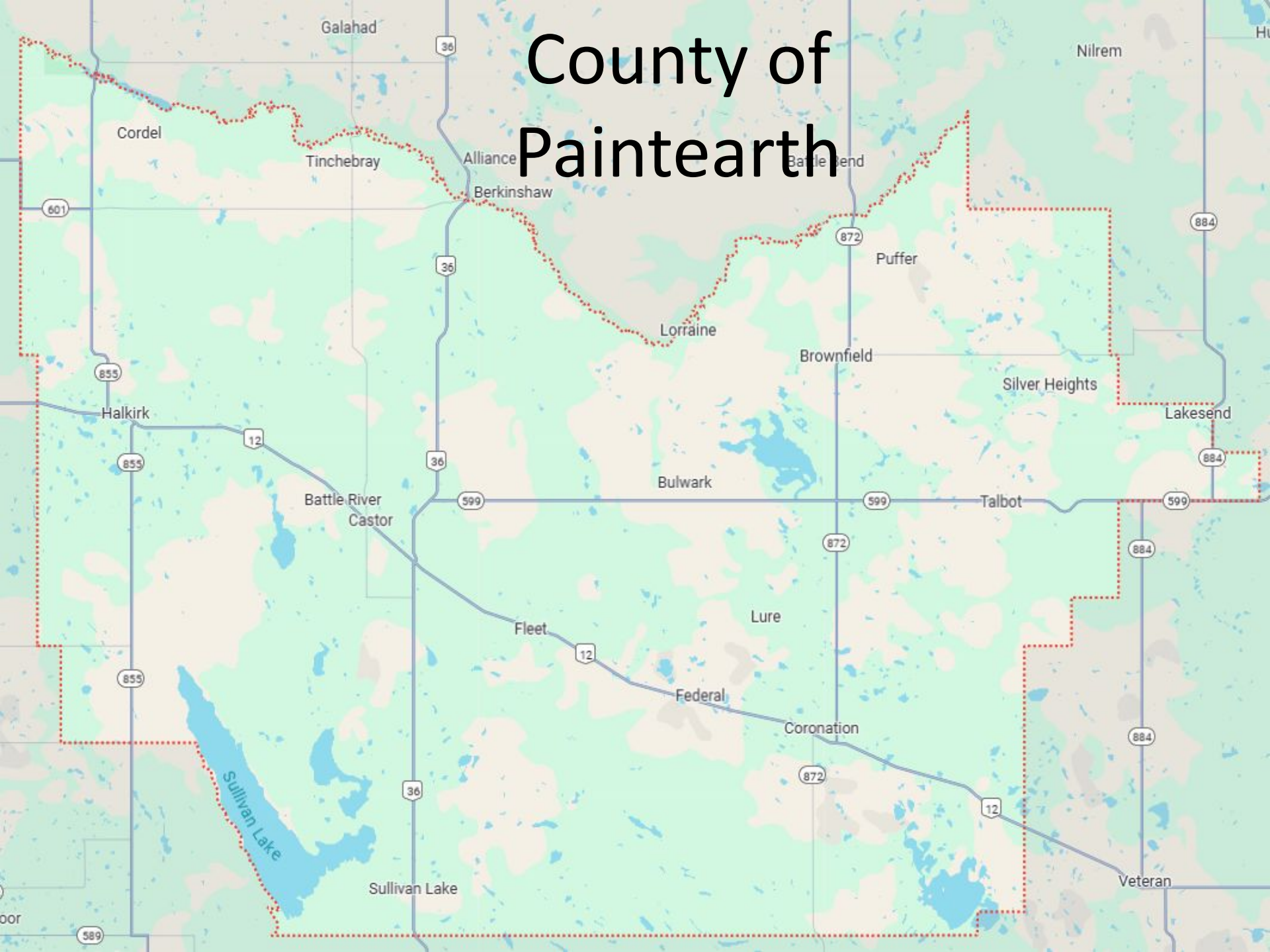


# Building Pathways, Building Communities:

Aligning Schools and Municipalities  
for Rural Success

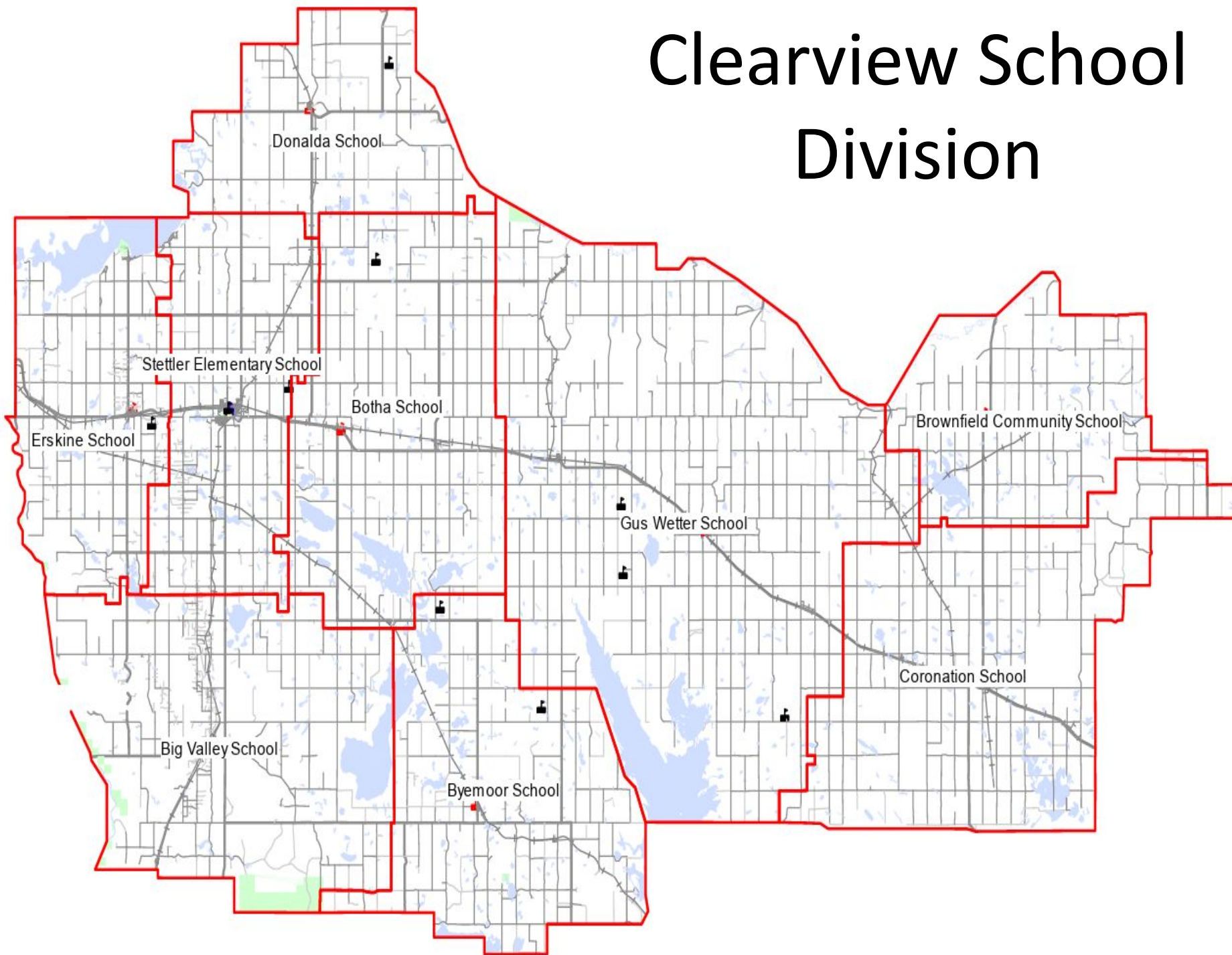
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# County of Paintearth





# Clearview School Division



# Session Goals & Takeaways



- Share real-world example from Clearview & Paintearth
- Discuss replicable rural strategies
  - Understand partnership value
- Gather practical collaboration ideas

# How can strategic partnerships between schools and municipalities revitalize our rural communities?

## Clearview

- **Challenges:** rural education & isolation, declining enrolment, economy of scale; breadth of programming, distance factor
- **Visible collaboration >** increased public awareness, interest, opportunities



## County of Paintearth

- **Challenges:** economic sustainability, isolation, declining populations, economy of scale, distance factor
- **Municipalities traditionally** faced this alone
- **Clearview became a proactive partner**
- **Visible collaboration** increased public confidence
- **Waiting on policy change is not a strategy**

# Case Study – Background

- Shared challenges led to partnership
  - CSD Career Education  
Focus: [Dual credit interest survey](#)
- Olds College Extension (Michael)
- Dual Credit Vet Tech: Evelina Simpson
- Improved student confidence and parent engagement





# Case Study – Vision & Outcomes

- Aligned vision: education & economic development
- Curriculum with agriculture focus



- Supports Agricultural careers, skilled labour pool
- Municipal goals: vet clinic, greenhouse, etc.
- Cost-effective, lasting change



# Case Study – Agreement Details

- Clearview [manages grants](#) aligned to County & Clearview goals
- County committed in policy and budget
- Shared focus: education pathways + economic development
- Collaborative budgeting and use of grants





# Municipal Perspective – Why Invest?

- "Give back to get them back" philosophy
- Builds youth loyalty to community
- Addresses labour shortages
- Drives long-term stability



# Table Activity

**Where/how could partnerships between schools and municipalities/other partners support career education in your context?**



<http://bit.ly/4jcq3jd>



1. **Note** down one idea /response to this question that fits your context. (2-3 minutes)



2. **Share** a brief summary of this potential partnership with a partner / table group; discuss challenges and opportunities of each. ( 8-12 minutes)



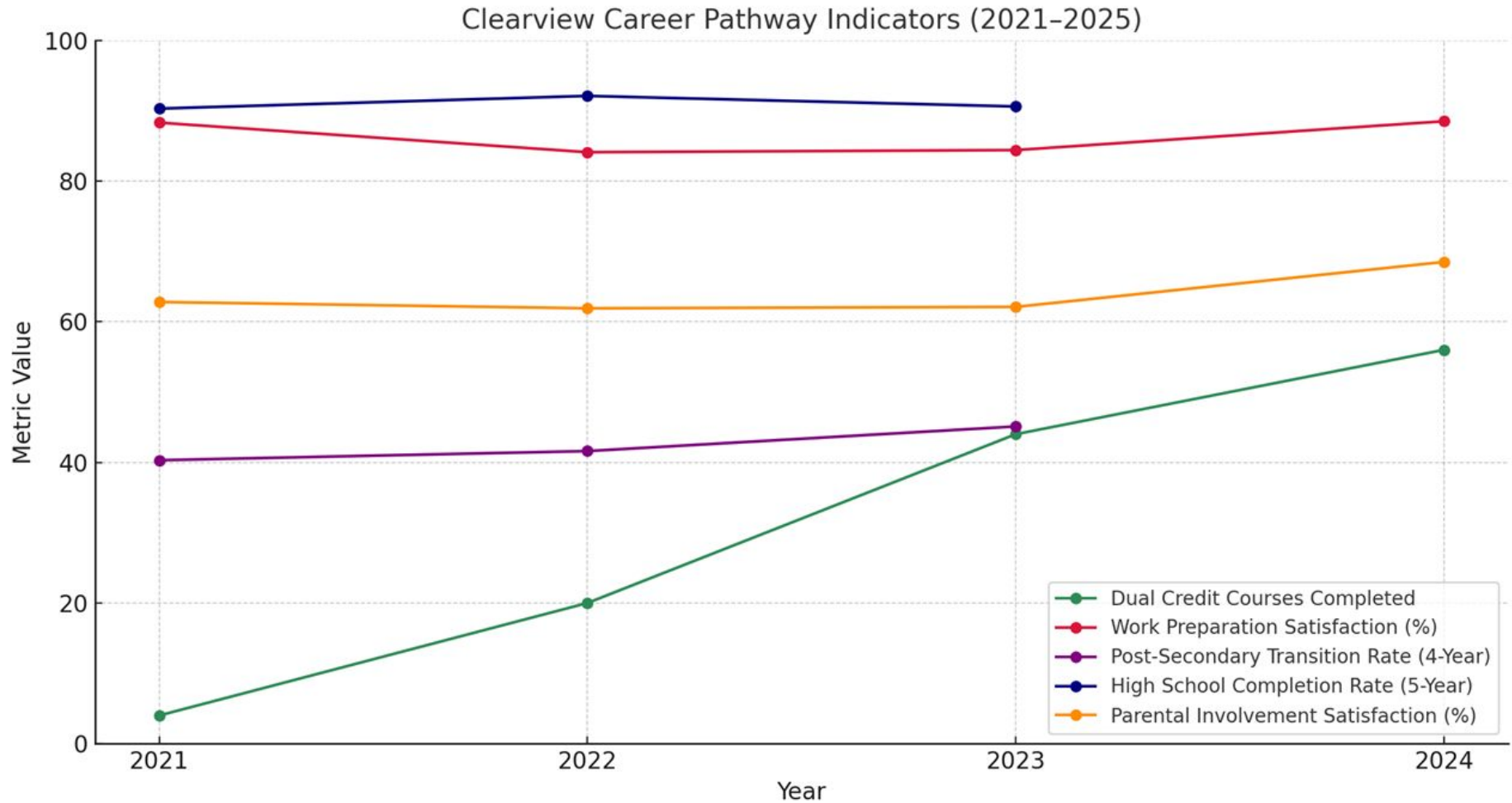
3. One volunteer for each group to capture and be prepared to **report back** to the larger group on ideas, challenges, and opportunities discussed. (5-8 minutes)

# Looking Forward: County Metrics

- Holistic impact of education investment
- Supports retention, pride, innovation
- Ongoing effectiveness assessments & metrics



# Looking Forward: Clearview Success Metrics





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