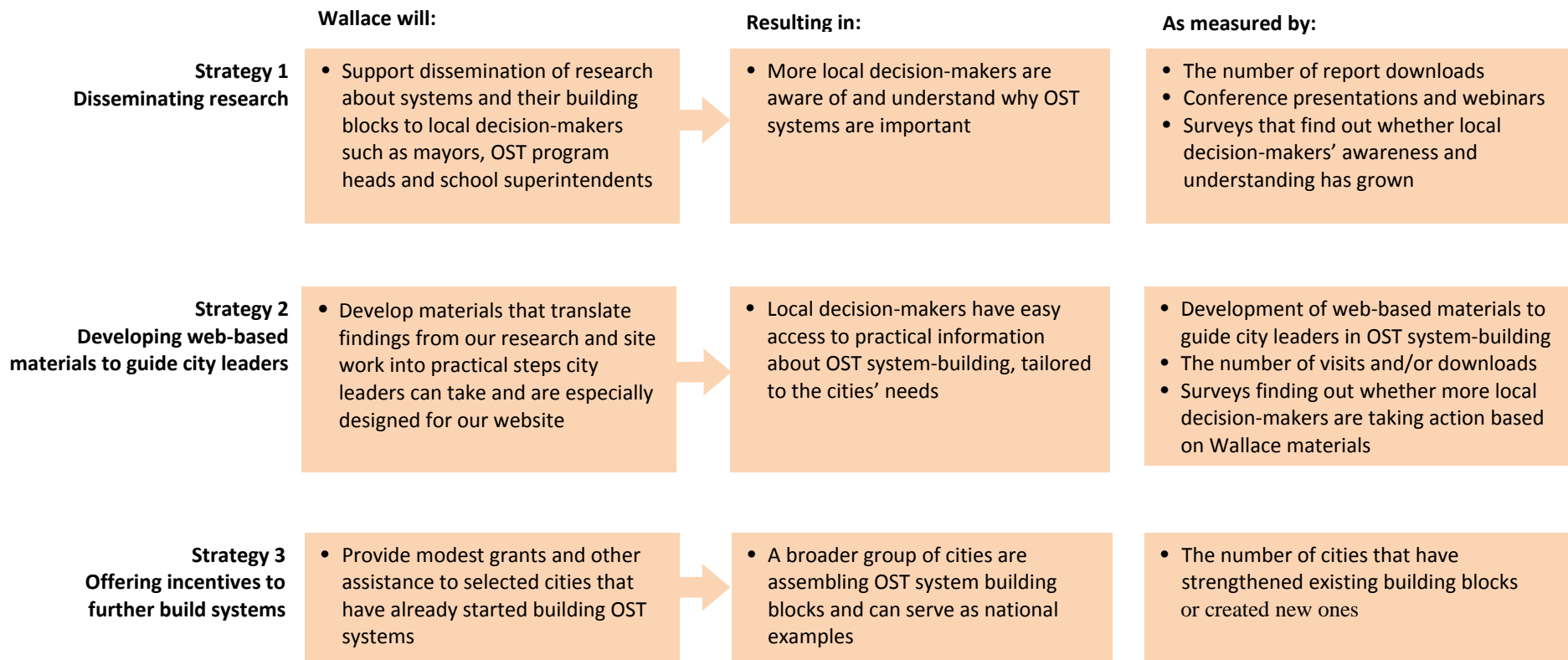


## Next Generation of City Out-of-School Time Systems Work

**Problem:** *Our work with partners in five cities has defined the building blocks of an effective out-of-school time (OST) system.\* And we have learned that when such systems are in place, children and teens have increased access to high-quality programs. Although other cities have become more interested in this work in recent years, few have successfully assembled the building blocks.*

**Goals:**

- Increase city leaders' awareness of the value of OST systems and what it takes to set them up.
- Help city leaders who have already begun this work to strengthen existing building blocks or create new ones that further develop their OST systems.



*\*OST systems coordinate the various public and private organizations involved in providing OST so they work in sync and together make the best use of their resources. The six system building blocks are: committed leadership; a public or private coordinating group; multi-year planning; collection and use of reliable information; a focus on participation; and a commitment to quality.*