

APS Conversation #3: Operating Models for School System Flexibility Options
Long Middle School: Stakeholder Questions

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General Comments:

- There could have been community engagement happening while the Superintendent was being put into place.
- It is disheartening to be “rushed” into a decision.

Questions from the Plenary:

- What occurred to bring about the need to change operating models?
- How would having a new State School Superintendent impact the process?
- Why are we being rushed to make a decision now when the legislation passed several years ago?
- Is there data to show that these Operating models will be successful in improving student achievement?
- Has the amount of funding received by Charter schools for each student changed?
- What is a salary structure waiver? Can you implement pay for performance under a salary structure waiver?
- I understand that GOSA would set metrics in an IE2 System and the district would set metrics in a Charter System. Will the metrics align to what is currently being measured, or are the milestone goals and targets different?
- Will the State still monitor priority alert schools? What will happen to priority alert schools if they don't meet their targets after 2 years?
- How do we expect underperforming schools in areas where no strong local political capital exist to operate under models that depend on local school governance? Where is the thought or conversation about these schools and communities?
- What is the impact of the operating models for me as an educator? What does implementation of each model look like for us?
- How does accountability work under each model?

Questions from Small Group Discussions:

- How do the three models affect the local school's budget?
- How do we ensure that a school principal's knowledge and decisions are based on research and proven best practices?
- How do the options affect the inequities in the district?
- How do the options affect the student removal and/or retention process from school to school?
- How long will it take to truly transition to the chosen option?
- What would be the process to select the accountability model/process?
- How would leaders be vetted into their positions?