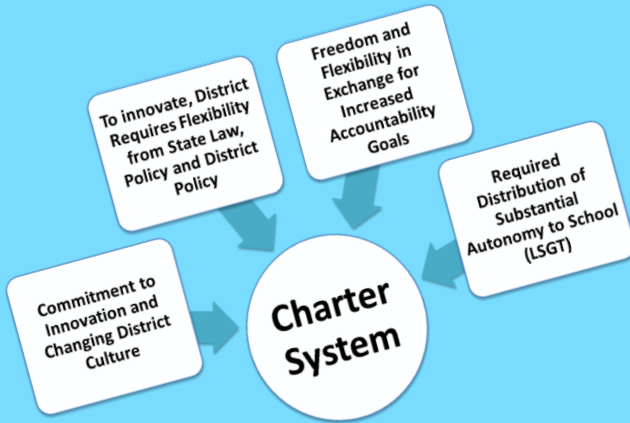


Charter System 101



A contract (charter) between the district and the state to increase student achievement in exchange for freedom from certain state laws and rules

District leaders agree to give local school communities freedom and flexibility to decide what changes their schools need to make in order to increase student performance

This is done through each school creating a local school governance team (LSGT)

Examples of how freedom and flexibility from the state laws will be used in the district under the Charter System model

Provide a school day, school year, and intersession programming that meets the needs of students through flexibility in instructional time and pacing

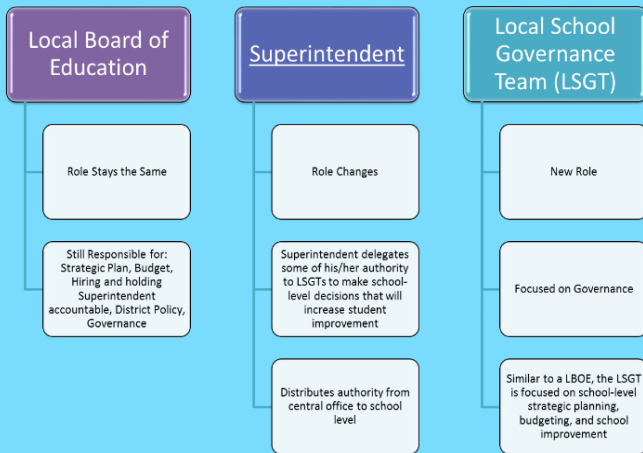


Direct resources to wrap-around services (psychological/social/emotional), increased instructional support (instructional coaches, coordinators), etc. based on school needs

Creation of a College and Career Academy



Governance in a Charter System



What exactly is an LSGT?

School-level team with power to make decisions in these areas: (1) Personnel Decisions, (2) Financial Decisions and Resource Allocations, (3) Curriculum, (4) School Improvement, and (5) School Operations

What will the LSGT structure look like?

9 voting members, except for High School LSGT, (1 student voting member at HS level):

- 3 parents/guardians elected by parents/guardians
- 3 instructional staff members elected by staff members
- 2 community members nominated by principal
- 1 swing seat recruited by principal/or members of LSGT and ratified by LSGT
- Principal (non-voting member)
- 1 student (voting member) at high school level, nominated by LSGT

Charter System and Cluster Planning

- As clusters develop and implement the plans for their schools, flexibility from state mandates will be a critical for removing impediments to student success.
- Cluster planning teams laid the groundwork through the creation of cluster-wide vision, mission, priorities, signature programming, and strategic plans for what will become Cluster Advisory Teams (CATs)
- CATs will maintain the aligned vision for a pipeline to college and career readiness across schools and support each LSGT within their cluster to ensure all schools have the capacity to reach their goals.
- This advisory team will be made up of 2 LSGT representatives from each school plus additional community members

When does this begin?

- APS will begin its five year contract with the state on July 1, 2016
- For 2015-2016, APS will be holding events in your community, cluster and online to help you learn more about the charter system model

How can I get more information or get involved?

If you are interested in serving on your Local School Governance Team, go to: www.atlantapublicschools.us/candidatebank

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