



2018-2019 Atlanta Public Schools SUCCESS SNAPSHOTS

The Board's strategic plan prioritizes four areas: **Academic Programs, Talent Strategy, Systems and Resources**, and **Culture**. That plan continues to serve as a roadmap to becoming a high-performing district where students love to learn, educators inspire, families engage and the community has confidence in our shared mission.

This report is another installment in the transformation of Atlanta Public Schools. We're working to turn APS into a district that offers a launching pad for success to every child in Atlanta.

As our mission clearly states:

With a caring culture of trust and collaboration, every student will graduate ready for college and career.

Thank you for continuing this journey with us, and stay tuned for future installments!

Welcome Back!

The Board is excited to welcome back students, staff and teachers to the 2018-2019 school year. We look forward to seeing you in the classroom!

Message from the Chair

As a parent and a former teacher, I'm proud to be serving my first year as Chair of the Atlanta Board of Education. The Board is more focused than ever on living the mission of APS.

Alongside APS staff and faculty, my colleagues and I have been busily preparing for the new school year. We're excited to share some of the progress we've made across the city and in your community.

On the heels of big gains in citywide graduation rates, and the second year of a transformative turnaround plan, we have zeroed in on improving policies for even stronger outcomes in our classrooms across our 89 schools.

Over the past six months, we've launched a taskforce to address equity in our schools, and huddled with various stakeholders to design the system's first-ever plan to maximize their use in the community. We've also scored victories like negotiating for the transfer of dozens of property deeds from the City of Atlanta.

With your support, we will continue to improve the graduation rate and scores on standardized tests, deepen and expand our partnerships to serve students, and upgrade facilities and technology while empowering parents, teachers and principals — those closest to our kids — to ensure our kids' success.



2018 BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- **Celebrated 300+ students with resolutions during the Annual Student Recognition Meeting**
- **Started live streaming committee meetings**
- **Hosted retreats on District facilities, equity and Board goals**

Jason Esteves | Chair, Atlanta Board of Education

City of Atlanta Elects a New Board of Education

On Jan. 8, 2018, the new Atlanta Board of Education was sworn in by State Court Judge Patsy Porter, who also happens to be an alumna of Atlanta Public Schools. The Board includes three new members: Michelle Olympiadis, District 3; Erika Mitchell, District 5; and Kandis Wood Jackson, At-Large Seat 7; alongside returning members Leslie Grant, District 1; Byron Amos, District 2; Nancy Meister, District 4; Eshè Collins, District 6; Cynthia Briscoe Brown, At-Large Seat 8; and Jason Esteves, At-Large Seat 9. The group unanimously elected Jason Esteves as Chair, and Eshè Collins as Vice Chair.

Every member of the new Board has personal experience as an APS parent, teacher, and/or student. Board members have professional backgrounds in education, community engagement and law. The Atlanta Board of Education establishes and approves the policies that govern the Atlanta Public School system. The Board consists of nine members: one each representing six geographical districts and three “at-large” members, elected citywide. Each member is elected to serve a four-year term.



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2018

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Monday, Aug. 6

2:30 PM Board Meeting and
Presentations
6 PM Community Meeting,
Legislative Action*

Tuesday, Sept. 4

2:30 PM Board Meeting and
Presentations
6 PM Community Meeting,
Legislative Action*

Monday, Oct. 1

2:30 PM Board Meeting and
Presentations
6 PM Community Meeting,
Legislative Action*

Monday, Nov. 5

2:30 PM Board Meeting and
Presentations
6 PM Community Meeting,
Legislative Action*

Monday, Dec. 3

2:30 PM Board Meeting and
Presentations
6 PM Community Meeting,
Legislative Action*

**Meeting dates and times are
subject to change**

* Legislative action immediately
follows the community meeting

Stakeholders are welcomed to provide comments at the community meeting by signing up in person from 5:00 to 5:50 PM.

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APS Receives Property Deeds from City of Atlanta

Bringing closure to 45 years of unfinished separation between Atlanta schools and the city.



After months of negotiation, Atlanta City Council voted to transfer the deeds for 31 properties to Atlanta Public Schools. Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms completed the transfer by signing the deeds at a public press conference, attended by Superintendent Carstarphen, members of the Board and City Council.

Those negotiations also produced a framework for transferring the remaining 21 properties, including the remaining due diligence to resolve boundary lines, legal descriptions and related issues. APS expects to receive the deeds for 52 properties in all.

Finally, this sets in motion the dismissal of legal action, saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars while providing access to properties in com-

munities across Atlanta to develop affordable housing, attract new investment, and enable nonprofits to locate closer to the residents they serve.

We appreciate the Mayor's partnership and look forward to receiving the deeds for all outstanding APS properties which will finally complete 45 years of efforts to separate the APS from the City of Atlanta.

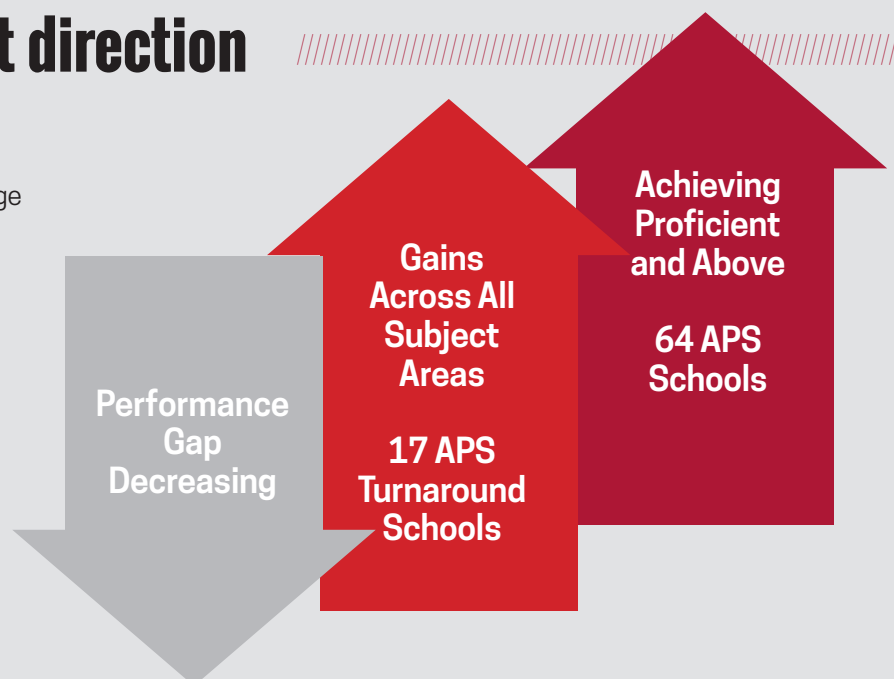
APS: Trending in the right direction

Our shared progress continues!

APS achieved its largest gains to date in the percentage of students scoring in two important categories, Proficient and Above and Developing and Above*. In both categories, APS also narrowed the performance gap with the state.

Sixty-four APS schools saw the overall percentage of students scoring Proficient and Above increase. And schools that needed a little more help, got it, resulting in all 17 APS "turnaround schools" achieving gains across all subject areas.

* Applied to each End-of-Grade (EOG) subject when averaged across all grades.





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Atlanta Board of Education Establishes an Equity Taskforce

Two Retreats, One Goal: Create an Equity Policy

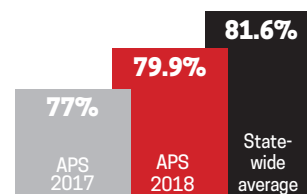
Chairman Jason Esteves appointed Board Member Byron Amos to chair the newly created Equity Taskforce, along with Board Members Leslie Grant, Erika Mitchell and Cynthia Briscoe Brown, which will engage the community on issues of equity and develop a board equity policy. To date, the Board has hosted two retreats facilitated by the National Equity Project to revisit the 2014 Equity Audit, discuss current needs of APS, and draft a timeline for the creation of the policy.

The taskforce has met four times and has expanded to include district representation. Additional members include: Trinity Lewis (District 1), Semira Ajani (District 2), Morna Francis (District 3), Lisa Dwyer (District 4), Shamikia Yizar (District 5), Jessica Johnson (District 6), Greg Clay (At-Large Seat 7), Tom Dunn (At-Large Seat 8) and Miriam Archibong (At-Large Seat 9).



APS Fast Facts

Atlanta Public Schools is **one of the largest school districts** in Georgia.



APS graduation rates are up 2.9%

The district is organized into **9 K-12 clusters** with 89 schools and programs.



APS serves about **52,000 students** across 89 schools.