

REPORT NO. 05/06-0111

Resolution

Atlanta Board of Education

Atlanta



Georgia

April 11, 2006

SUPPORT FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION PLANS, GOALS AND TIMELINE

- WHEREAS,** the Atlanta Board of Education recognizes that the nation's high schools are in crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** the national graduation rate for minority students is approximately fifty percent (50%); and
- WHEREAS,** students who do not graduate from high school earn, on average, \$1,000,000 less than college-educated peers; and
- WHEREAS,** students who do not graduate from high school are more likely to be incarcerated and in poor health; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board desires that the Atlanta Public Schools will become a leading urban school system in the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board wishes to offer each student a world class education; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board expects the school system to lead the nation in high school graduation rates with at least ninety percent (90%) of 9th graders graduating in four years; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board wishes to ensure that each graduate is ready for post-secondary education and a career; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board recognizes that the transition into and through high school is highly challenging; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board wishes to create a new high school experience for the 21st century that includes rigor, relevance and relationships with accountability and choice; and
- WHEREAS,** the Superintendent has proposed a high school transformation plan that includes the creation of small schools and small learning communities that are designed

to provide a more personalized and rigorous academic experience for students;
and

- WHEREAS,** this high school transformation plan was developed with the assistance of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through its planning grant; and
- WHEREAS,** the planning and implementation of the high school transformation process will occur in three waves over the next five years; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board and Superintendent will seek support for funding the plan from the community and philanthropic organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Atlanta Board of Education at its April 11, 2006, official meeting, along with the system superintendent, have considered and approved the Atlanta Public Schools High School Transformation Plan.



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