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# Cluster Advisory Team

## 2024-25 Organizational Meeting

September 18, 2024 | 5:00 pm

**Program Lead:**

Sheletha Y. Champion, Program Director - Strategy Management

**Business Owner:**

Carolyn M. Barnett, Executive Director – Strategy + School Governance

# AGENDA

Time	Discussion Item	Discussion Leads
5:00	<b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome   Introductions</li><li>• Meeting Norms</li></ul>	Carolyn Sheletha
<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
5:05 pm	<b>Superintendent Listening Session</b>	Travis Dr. Johnson
5:20 pm	<b>Cluster Advisory Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview</li><li>• Updates</li></ul>	Carolyn   Sheletha
5:30 pm	<b>CAT Breakouts   Cluster Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select Officers</li><li>• Identify Focus for 2024-2025</li><li>• Determine meeting schedule preferences</li></ul>	Cluster Advisory Teams
5:55 pm	<b>District Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">District Calendar</a></li><li>• <a href="#">APS Connects</a></li></ul> <b>Wrap-Up   Next Steps</b>	Carolyn   Sheletha
6:00 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>	Sheletha

# CLUSTER ADVISORY MEETING NORMS

## Similar to GO Team Meeting Norms...

- This is a meeting of the Cluster Advisory Teams. Only members of the teams may participate in the discussion.
- Any members of the public who are present are here to quietly observe.
- We commit to being fully present.
- We will follow the agenda and stay on task.
- We will keep an open mind.
- We will respect each other.
- We invite and welcome contributions of every member and listen to each other.

**Cluster Advisory Teams are encouraged to add to or otherwise modify these norms to align to the Cluster's specific needs and identity.**



# **SUPERINTENDENT LISTENING SESSION**



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100 Day Tracker  
[tinyurl.com/100DayPlanProgress](https://tinyurl.com/100DayPlanProgress)



## ACADEMIC ACCELERATION



*Our foremost priority must always be the academic and personal success of our students. Teaching a child to read is a civil right, and we will work with deliberate excellence to get this right for the children of Atlanta.*

## EQUITY



*We must strive for a fair and just educational system where every student, regardless of their background, has access to high-quality education in every neighborhood.*

## STUDENT & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



*The strength of our Atlanta Public Schools lies in the active participation of our stakeholders – students, parents, teachers, staff, and the wider community. We will establish open channels of communication and collaboration to ensure that every voice is heard and valued.*

## ACCOUNTABILITY & OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE



*We must hold ourselves to the highest standards of accountability, transparency, and operational efficiency. By doing so, we can build a robust educational infrastructure that supports our goals and instills confidence in our community.*

# RECAP & NEXT STEPS

- We will **capture all information from the first 100 days** and share out to all stakeholders
- We will use the information heard this evening to **address short-term (urgent) and long-term (strategic) changes**
- We will continue to ensure **all voices are heard and valued**



# CLUSTER ADVISORY PROGRAM



# CLUSTER ADVISORY OVERVIEW

## GO Team - Governance

### Membership

- 3 Parents
- 3 Non-Supervisory Instructional Staff
- 2 Community Members
- 1 Swing Seat
- Principal
- 2 Students (High School Level)

### Responsible For:

- Exercising school-level governance at the individual school level
- Creating, maintaining, and updating the school-level strategic plan
- Creating school-based solutions to increase student achievement at the individual school level
- Selecting a representative for Cluster Advisory (CAT)

## Cluster Advisory Team

### Membership

- Principal or designee
- GO Team Rep from each Cluster School
- Community Members

### Responsible For:

- Maintaining and updating the cluster-level strategic plan
- Vetting and providing advice on school-based solutions which affect the cluster as a whole
- Supporting the health and function of GO Teams throughout the cluster
- Building community-wide communication, engagement and advocacy
- Encouraging alignment and collaboration between charter and neighborhood schools
- Provide input into Facilities planning for cluster via operational teams
- Selecting District Executive Committee members

## District Executive Committee

### Membership

- Chair
- Vice-Chair

### Responsible For:

- Vetting and providing advice on the Superintendent's district-level and district-wide initiatives prior to presentation and consideration by the Atlanta Board of Education
- Identifying and discussing district-wide priorities annually



# CLUSTER ADVISORY UPDATES

## WHAT'S NEW FOR CLUSTER ADVISORY IN 2024-2025

- Streamlined Meetings
- Defined Meeting Format
- Real-time cross-cluster collaboration
- Cluster-Identified General Session Topics
- Cluster Strategy Breakout Sessions



## THREE (3) ALL CAT meetings from the options below:

1

Business Meeting

- October 7  
or  
• November 4
- Strategic Plan Needs Assessment

2

Business Meeting

- January 13;  
• February 24;  
or  
• February 27
- Cluster Plan Priority Review

3

Business Meeting

- March 24;  
• March 25; or  
• April 14
- 2025-2030 Strategic Plan Review (Draft)

## DEFINED MEETING FORMAT

- 4:30 – 5:00 – Strategy Session - Early Preference Clusters
- 5:00 – 5:30 – General Session – ALL Clusters
- 5:30 – 6:00 – Strategy Session – Late Preference Clusters

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# BREAKOUT SESSION

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## GOALS

- Select Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary
- Determine meeting schedule preferences
- Determine 2024-2025 Cluster Priorities

## NORMS

- 9 Rooms, members preassigned, individual chat
- One (1) room per cluster
- Have one (1) person complete the form
- Time: 25 minutes
- Can return to the main room to ask questions

# DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## District Calendar At-A-Glance through Fall Break

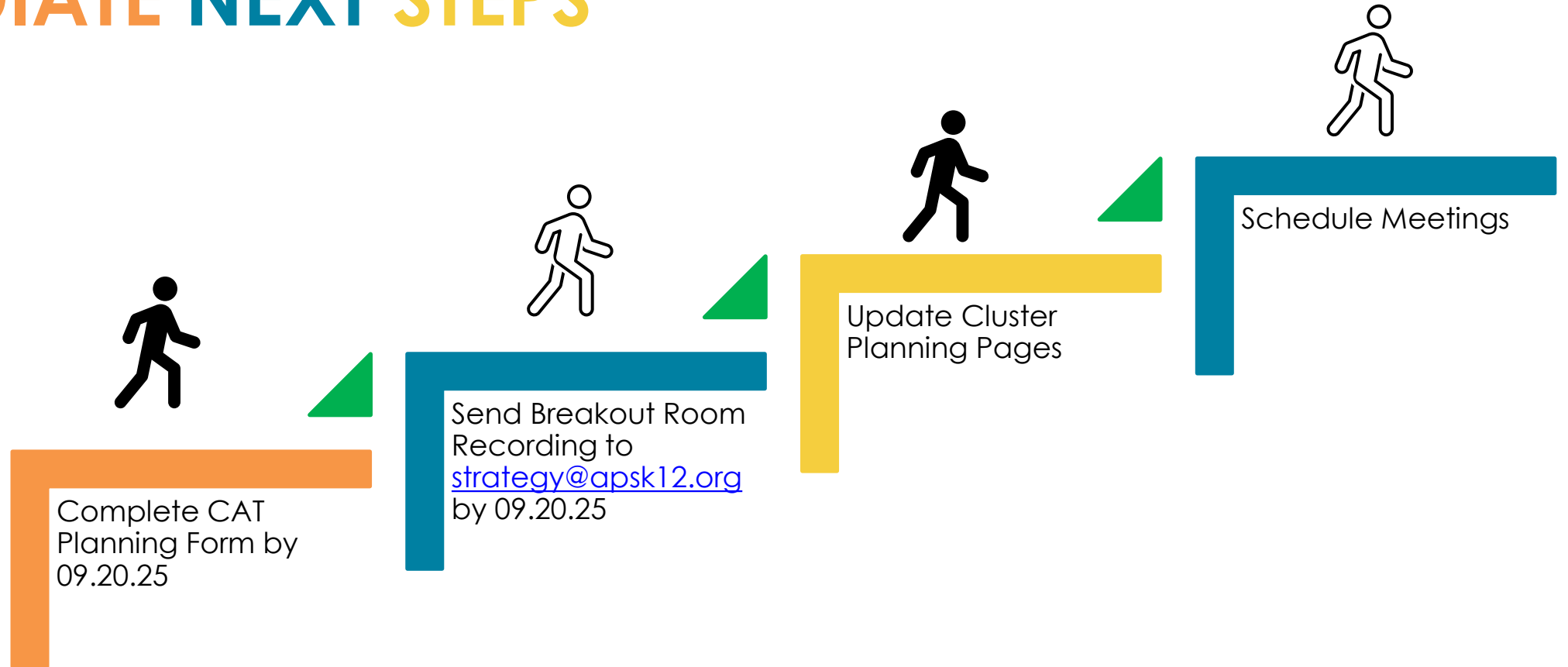
Visit the [District Calendar](#) for full details and registration information.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday, September 19	6:00 pm	Community Meeting with Superintendent Johnson – Spanish Speaking Families
Tuesday, September 24	6:00 pm	Community Meeting with Superintendent Johnson – Jackson Cluster
Saturday, September 28	8:30 am	G3 Summit at Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy
Saturday, September 28	2:00 pm	Hispanic College and Career Event @ Agape Youth & Family Center
Tuesday, October 1	5:30 pm	M.E.N. Wholistic Stress Control Institute
Wednesday, October 2	8:00 pm	Monthly Meeting for all APS Spanish-speaking parents
Thursday, October 3	6:00 pm	Community Meeting with Superintendent Johnson-Carver Cluster
Friday, October 4	DEADLINE	Safe Routes to School Logo Design Contest
Wednesday, October 9	6:00 pm	Community Meeting with Superintendent Johnson-Douglass Cluster
October 14 – 18		FALL BREAK

### APS Connects

Visit <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/APSConnects> for ways to connect and engage with APS.

# IMMEDIATE NEXT STEPS





# WRAP UP | NEXT STEPS

