

Cluster Advisory Teams 2023-24 District Executive Committee Meeting January 23, 2024 | 5:30 pm

Executive Sponsor:

Travis Norvell, Chief Strategy + Engagement Officer

Business Owner:

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

Program Lead:

Sheletha Y. Champion, Program Director - Strategy Management



AGENDA

Time	Discussion Item	Discussion Leads
5:30 pm	Opening	Travis Carolyn Sheletha
	Welcome Introductions Special Guest Acknowledgement	
	DISCUSSION + DEPARTMENT DIVISION UPDATES	
5:32 pm	Office of Student & Employee Engagement	Dr. Alpachino Hogue
5:39 pm	Division of Finance	Dr. Lisa Bracken Harpreet Hora
5:54 pm	Office of Family Engagement	Keasha Copeland
6:00 pm	Strategy & School Governance	Carolyn M. Barnett
6:10 pm	Board Office	Pierre Gaither
6:18 pm	Office of the Superintendent	Sherri Forest
6:28 pm	Wrap-Up Next Steps Adjourn	Carolyn Sheletha



OFFICE OF STUDENT & EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT



- Student Bill of Rights
- Child Savings Accounts
- Gallup: Student Strengths + Q12

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OFFICE OF STUDENT & EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

Student Voice as a Verb

THE SPECTRUM OF STUDENT VOICE-ORIENTED ACTIVITY



Expression	Consultation	Participation	Partnership	Leadership
Volunteering opinions, creating art, celebrating, complaining, praising, objecting	Being asked for their opinion, providing feedback, serving on a focus group, completing a survey	Attending meetings or events in which decisions are made, frequent inclusion when issues are framed and actions planned	Formalized role in decision making, standard operations require student involvement. Adults are trained in how to work collaboratively with youth partners.	(Co)-planning, making decisions and accepting responsibility for outcomes, (co)-guiding group processes, student led activities, student led research
Students articulating their perspectives Students as sources of data			St	tudents directing collective activities Students as leaders of change
Most student voice activity in schools resides at this end of the spectrum		protect against co-opt	share authority, demonstrate trust, tation, learn from students, and work t increases from left to right.	

Student Bill of Rights

APS seeks to gain a better understanding of what expectations students have of their learning environment and our District.

Through a **co-created process** with students across the District, we are capturing a variety of stakeholder input to guide and lead the design of an Atlanta Public Schools Student Bill of Rights.



Student Bill of Rights

Ongoing Stakeholder Input Opportunities

Students

QR Codes

Focus Groups

School Visits

Student Leadership Conference

Student Government Associations



Families/Community

Go Teams Summit

Community Forum (Virtual)

Wednesday Night Family Meeting (Spanish speaking families)

Let's Talk

Board Member Community Meetings



Staff

Go Teams Summit

QR Codes on display in CLL & Schools

Principals' Advisory

Cluster Advisory Teams

Teachers Advisory

Connected Leaders



Why stakeholder input?

The Student Bill of Rights will be a reflection of the collective values of the community. Stakeholder input is critical in this process.



Student Bill of Rights



*Not meant to serve as a legal document creating enforceable rights, nor is it meant to replace any state or federally-sanctioned legal terms. It is intended as an additional tool to help create and maintain a positive and inclusive environment.



A <u>bellwether</u>...emphasizing the district's commitment to putting students and schools first



A <u>tool</u>...empowering students to share their ideas on how to make good changes within their schools and the district as a whole



A <u>guide</u>...encouraging students, families, APS staff, and community members to align on shared beliefs and expectations



A <u>steady measure</u>...for monitoring and evaluating policies, procedures, and strategies within schools and the district

ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Child Savings Accounts

Launched Spring 2022

\$50 Seed Deposit + additional incentives to help accounts grow

Who is eligible: Kindergarteners at APS Title I elementary schools

Cohort #3 will receive Welcome Kits (delivered to Schools) first week of February 2024



"Bank Day" Parkside Elementary School 11/13/23



Gallup Strategy

Focusing on what's <u>strong</u>, rather than what's <u>wrong</u>, allows us to live our best life at work and everywhere else.

When employees have the opportunity to focus on their strengths, they are six times as likely to be engaged.



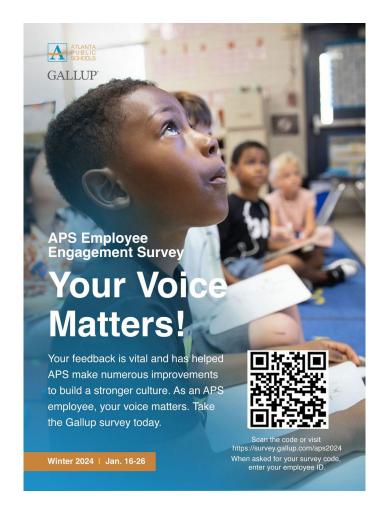
Student Strengths Facilitations 2023-24

Fall Semester:

- Student Advisory Council
- Carver EC: G.A.T.E. Internship Course
- Midtown: G.A.T.E. Internship Course

Spring Semester

- Therrell HS
- South Atlanta HS
- Jackson HS
- Douglass HS
- Carver EC



Q12 Is Upon Us

https://survey.gallup.com/aps2024

Tips to support your team's survey completion:

- The survey is for full time employees.
- Mention value and allow time in upcoming team meeting.
- Mention value and allow time during Professional Learning sessions.
- Remind staff that the survey is anonymous.
- Let them know that their input on the survey is valuable information to improve the workplace culture at your school.



DIVISION OF FINANCE







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BUDGET SERVICES- Questions



- New budget parameters (new funds earned?)
- New positions (Literacy coach?)
- Security update in budget?
- Strategies for making up CARES/ESSER loss
- Changes to SSF- impact of changes to poverty weights
- Changes to allotments outside SSF (signature funds)
- What kind of money is provided to new schools over the first 3 years of its existence.
- Clarification with the funding formulas for non-traditional programs and schools.

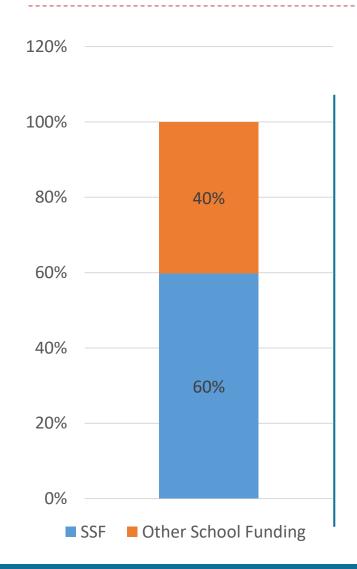


FY2025 Budget Parameters

The FY2025 Budget Development Process will:	In alignment with:
Support a comprehensive compensation strategy aimed at maintaining APS's competitive advantage by aligning with the 75th percentile of market pay for all employee groups. This strategy will not only ensure market competitiveness but also contribute to the broader HR strategy, emphasizing retention and long-term sustainability.	Goals 1-2; Guardrail 3
Support the shift in the School Nutrition model to in-house	Goals 1-2; Guardrail 1, 3 & 4
Support the ongoing operational needs of the district, especially Transportation and Safety and Security and the modernization of the district ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system	Guardrail 1 & 3
Identify redundancies and efficiencies in the administrative overhead of the district to reallocate to core classroom and school budgets	Goals 1-2
Consider the ESSER funded initiatives that should be incorporated in the ongoing general fund budget, or will effectively communicate the transition away from some initiatives	Goals 1-4; Guardrail 2 - 4
Support additional flexible school funds, especially for wellness and whole-child support	Goals 3-4; Guardrail
Support ELA and Math investments, especially through investments in professional development	Goals 1-2
Support College and Career Readiness initiatives that increase equity in access for students, awareness to all stakeholders, and strengthen the professional development of teachers and administrators.	Goal 4; Guardrail 2 & 4
Support investments in Signature Programs, Fine Arts and Athletics that standardizes investments across schools and shifts burden of costs off school budgets	Guardrails 1 and 3
Support of all student populations including investments in intervention, Gifted, EL, and Special Education	Guardrail 1



FY2025 Proposed SSF Resources vs. Other Resources Overall allocation increases by approx. \$24M with a shift towards fixed resources



	SSF Resources \$309M		Other School Funding \$207M
/	Core teachers	√	Signature funds**
/	Extended core	✓	Turnaround funds
/	Principals/APs	√	Title I funds**
/	School admin: (including clerks, secretary, registrar, program Admin, etc.)	√	Field Trip Transportation funds
/	Gifted	√	CTAE positions
/	Paras	√	ELpositions
/	Counselors	√	SWD positions Psychologists
	EIP/REP teachers	√	Nurses
	Graduation Coaches	√	Social Workers
/	Athletic Directors	√	ROTC
	ISS Monitors	√	Custodians &
	Textbook replacement		Site Managers
	Substitutes	√	Instructional
•	Flex funds		Tech Specialists
		√	Media Specialist
		√	Additional Counselor flex positio
		**F	lexibility within resources



FY25 SSF ALLOCATION OVERVIEW

Distribution	Description	Amount
Student Weights	Funds distributed throughout ten need base weights: 1. Base weight	
	2. Grade level	\$187.4M
	3. Poverty	\$20.3M
	4. Gifted	\$43.9M
	5. Gifted Supplement	\$14.5M
	6. Incoming Performance	\$1.5M
	7. English Learners*	\$2.9M
	8. Special Education*	\$1.9M
	9. EIP/REP	\$1.2M
	10. Concentration of Poverty	\$26.2M
		\$1.8M
Small School Supplement	Funds distributed through a weight to supplement smaller schools	\$5.4M
Capacity	Funds distributed through a weight to schools over 95% capacity	\$.4M
Baseline Supplement	Supplements provided to schools whose allocation falls below a defined threshold of resources	\$1M
Transition	Funds added to schools with significant enrollment impact due to rezoning, redistricting, new school, etc.	\$1M
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SCHOOLS

STABILITY

EQUITY

WHY DID MY BUDGET CHANGE???

Changes in "The Pie"

Changes in Enrollment

Changes in The Base

Changes in Demographics

Changes in Other Factors

CHANGES IN ENROLLMENT AND BASE

• Changes in enrollment are typically the most impactful change in your allocation from one year to the next. If your budget has a LARGE surplus or deficit, the FIRST thing you should do is revisit enrollment. If there are big swings at your school, check your class-size and adjust your staffing as appropriate.

MOST schools can be balanced by simply aligning staff to their

current year's enrollment projection

 The base allocation for SSF will adjust each year to account for changes in average salaries, increases in compensation, and changes in benefit costs.



CHANGES IN ALLOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF SSF

Certain positions are allocated to schools by program managers. These allocations include but aren't limited to Special Ed (teachers and paras), EL Teachers, CTAE Teachers, ROTC, Custodians, Site managers, Operations Managers, Resource Officers, Nurses and Psychologists.

Other allocations on top of SSF can also change your overall budget:

Signature

Turnaround

Title I

Title I School Improvement

Title IV

Title I Family Engagement

Field Trip Transportation

Dual Campus Supplement

District Funded Stipends

Transition Funds







Deep Dive in Signature program formula



Base Allocation

- Phase 1 \$65,270
- Phase 2 \$130,540
- Phase 3 \$195,810
- Phase 4 \$261,080

Per Student Allocation

- Phase 1 \$50
- Phase 2 \$100
- Phase 3 \$150
- Phase 4 \$200

Signature program funds are calculated as the sum of a base allocation by phase plus a per pupil allocation by phase.

- The base allocation equates to the salary of a Signature Program Coach (P1= 1 Part Time Coach, P2=1 Full Time Coach, P3= 1 Full +1 Part Time Coach; P4= 2 Full Time Coaches).
- The per pupil allocation equates to a percentage (P1=1%, P2=2%, P3=3%, P4=4%) of the rate per pupil (\$5,000).

Deep Dive in Turnaround formula

Intensive Level Supports

Current CSI:

1618: \$250,000 **1623:** \$233,084 **1622:** \$213,084 **Total:** \$696,168

Previous CSI: Year I

1618: \$180,374 **1623:** \$213,084 **1622:** \$106,542 **Total:** \$500,000

Previous CSI: Year 2

1618: \$100,000 **1623:** \$100,000 **1622:** \$100,000 **Total:** \$300,000

TSI:

1622: \$106,542 **Total:** \$106,542

ATSI:

1622: \$213,084 **Total: \$213,084**

For schools that moved off CSI and moved to ATSI, they received the Previous CSI Funds which are higher.

Buckets

1618: Extended Learning

1623:Reading and/or Math Specialist and Resource materials

1622: Wraparound FTE

CSI Schools required to have a reading and math specialist

Previous CSI may choose from 3 buckets

TSI: One FTE

ATSI: Two FTE



What Changed cont'd

FY2025 TOTAL SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS	
Level	ES
FY2025 Projected	
Enrollment	425
Per Pupil	\$15.45
Total Earned \$6,568	

FY2024 TOTAL SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS		
Level	ES	
FY2024 Projected		
Enrollment	423	
Per Pupil	\$14.87	
Total Earned	\$6,290	

Change		
Level	ES	
Change Projected		
Enrollment	2	
Per Pupil	\$0.58	
Total Earned	\$278	

Additional Earnings		
Signature		\$346
Turnaround		\$0
Title I		\$152
Title I Holdback		-\$16
Title I Family Eng.		\$7
Title I School		
Improvement		\$0
Title I Behavior		\$0
Title IV Bridge		\$0
Field Trip		\$16
Dual Campus		\$0
District Funded		
Stipends		\$10
Flex (New!)		\$132
Total FTE Allotments	19.75	\$1,767
Total Additional		
Earnings		\$2,415
Total Allocation		\$6,568

Additional Earnings		
Signature		\$337
Turnaround		\$0
Title I		\$139
Title I Holdback		\$0
Title I Family Eng.		\$11
Title I School		
Improvement		\$0
Title I Behavior		\$0
Title IV Bridge		\$0
Field Trip		\$16
Dual Campus		\$0
District Funded		
Stipends		\$10
Flex		\$0
Total FTE Allotments	20.75	\$1,695
Total Additional		
Earnings		\$2,207
Total Allocation		\$6,290

Additional Earnings		
Signature		\$9
Turnaround		\$0
Title I		\$14
Title I Holdback		-\$16
Title I Family Eng.		-\$4
Title I School		
Improvement		\$0
Title I Behavior		\$0
Title IV Bridge		\$0
Field Trip		\$0
Dual Campus		\$0
District Funded		
Stipends		\$0
Flex		\$132
Total FTE Allotments	-1.00	\$72
Total Additional		
Earnings		\$208
Total Allocation		\$278

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SSF Category	Count	Weight	Allocation
Base Per Pupil	425	\$5,334	\$2,267
Grade Level			\$489
Poverty	178	0.47	\$446
Concentration			
of Poverty		0.03	\$12
EIP/REP	126	1.05	\$706
Special			
Education	29	0.05	\$8
Gifted	26	0.70	\$97
Gifted	0	0.70	\$0
ELL	89	0.20	\$95
Small School	25	0.25	\$33
Incoming			
Performance	0	0.10	\$0
Baseline			\$0
Transition			
Policy			\$0
Capacity		0.25	\$0
Total SSF			\$4,153

SSF Category	Count	Weight	Allocation
Base Per Pupil	423	\$5,193	\$2,197
Grade Level			\$486
Poverty	157	0.50	\$408
Concentration			
of Poverty		0.05	\$13
EIP/REP	134	1.05	\$731
Special			
Education	30	0.05	\$8
Gifted	35	0.60	\$109
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Gifted		0.60	\$0
ELL	87	0.20	\$90
Small School	27	0.30	\$42
Incoming			
Performance	0	0.10	\$0
Baseline			\$0
Transition			
Policy			\$0
Capacity			\$0
Total SSF			\$4,083

SSF Category	Count	Weight	Allocation
Base Per Pupil	2	\$141	\$70
Grade Level			\$3
Poverty	21	-0.03	\$39
Concentration			
of Poverty		-0.02	-\$2
EIP/REP	-8	0.00	-\$25
Special			
Education	-1	0.00	\$0
Gifted	-9	0.10	-\$12
Gifted	0	0.10	\$0
ELL	2	0.00	\$5
Small School	-2	-0.05	-\$9
Incoming			
Performance	0	0.00	\$0
Baseline			\$0
Transition			
Policy			\$0
Capacity		0.25	\$0
Total			\$69

ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New school's funds

- Funds provided to VHES in FY23 (Year before they opened) - \$588,252
- Transition Funds provided in FY24 \$266,000
- FY25- 75% of transition funds



Non-Traditional school allocations

- FTE Allotment
- Additional Earning (Signature, Title, Turnaround)
- Administration
- Student Support
- Field Trip Transportation
- District Funded Stipends
- Substitute Teachers
- Textbooks
- Per pupil
- Flex
- Cluster
- Marta Cards

Funding Class Size		
K	21	
G1	21	
G2	21	
G3	21	
G4	24	
G5	24	
G6-8	25	
G9-12	25	

Allocations are reviewed on an annual basis by Associate Superintendent and Budget Services and revised based on programming, enrollment, etc.







2020-2026 Board Goals

Goal 1: Literacy Proficiency

The percentage of students in grades 3-8 scoring proficient or above in reading, as measured by the Georgia Milestones, will increase from 36.9% in August 2019 to 47% in August 2026.



Goal 3: Post-Graduation Preparedness

Increase the percentage of high school students who graduate prepared for their next step as demonstrated on a multidimensional assessment based on the Profile of a Graduate.



Goal 2: Numeracy Proficiency



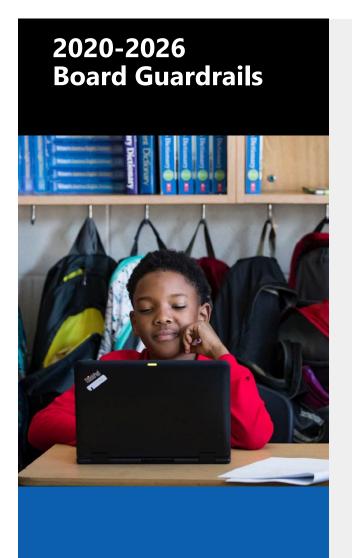
The percentage of students in grades 3-8 scoring proficient or above in math, as measured by the Georgia Milestones, will increase from 35.0% in August 2019 to 45.4% in August 2026.

Goal 4: College and Career Readiness



The percentage of high school students who score at the college and career readiness level on career pathway assessments, IB, AP, Dual Credit, ACT or SAT, work-based learning, or entering TCSG/USG without needing remediation will increase from 51.5% in October 2019 to 59.3% by October 2026.





GUARDRAIL 1: EQUITY

The Superintendent will not allow inequitable treatment of students as measured by student academic outcomes, discipline occurrences, and/or resource allocation.

GUARDRAIL 2: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Superintendent will not make major decisions or bring major recommendations to the Board without first implementing a stakeholder engagement strategy, including students, parents, teachers, staff, governance teams, and community members.

GUARDRAIL 3: CULTURE AND CLIMATE

The Superintendent will not foster or allow a culture of fear, intimidation, or retaliation, or an unwelcoming environment.

GUARDRAIL 4: INNOVATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Superintendent will not allow struggling schools to be without: a comprehensive needs assessment; supports aligned to that assessment; and, if the struggle persists for up to three years, a high impact intervention.



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OFFICE OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Annual Summer Camp Experience Camps, Enrichment and Internships ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED

- Thursday, February 29th <u>in-person</u>
 4:30 pm 7:30 pm
 Maynard Jackson High School
- Thursday, March 7th <u>virtual</u>
 10:00 am 12:30 pm







OFFICE OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

United Way Fostering Family Leaders: Strengthening Families through Parent Leadership

- Seven weeks
- January 23rd April 4th
- Wednesdays virtually 6:00 pm 7:30 pm
- Kick-off Wednesday, January 24th from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

FREE!

REGISTER NOW!





WHAT

Fostering Family Leaders: Strengthening Families through Parent Leadership is a 10-15 hour program that builds on your current strengths and takes you to a new level of leadership in your home, school & community. All meetings will be held virtually and at no cost to you!

WHO

- Are you a parent?
- · Do you live in Fulton County?
- · APS Staff member or Parent

OPPORTUNTIES TO

- · Network with other parents
- Be a leader for your family or child
- Participate in fun group activities
- r articipate in full group activities
- Receive personal & professional coaching
- Develop a "vision" for your family
- Make a difference in your community

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



SESSION TOPICS

Goal Setting, Understanding Your Child's Milestones, Shared Power, Communication, and more!!

Fostering Family Leaders is available to you through a partnership between:





Finch Elementary School



United Way of Greater Atlanta along with dozens of partners, have joined efforts to ensure every family has the opportunity to reach their full potential, thus building a strong future for Greater Atlanta. For more information about United Way's efforts to increase overall child wellbeing, visit our website at www.unitedwayatlanta.org

#StartHere #UnitedWayATL



STRATEGY & SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

SCHOOL CALENDER

COMMITTEE

GOTeams: Flexibility | Set Up



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APS STUDENT CALENDAR PROCESS

Purpose

Create and develop the next block of 3 (three) APS Student Calendars for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 school years (SY) for the APS Board of Education to review and approve

Goals

• Create 3 (three) APS Student Calendar Options for SY 2025-2026, 2026-2027, & 2027-2028

Roadmap

Process

Takeaways

Finalize the APS Student Calendar Options to Develop



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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT





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SB 211

- Senate-led legislation by Chairman Billy Hickman
- Bipartisan support
- Establishes the Georgia Council on Literacy (30 members) and staff, "Georgia Literacy Coach"
- Ensures the Alliance of Education Agency Heads' work supports the Literacy Council
- Council sunsets Dec. 31, 2026

HB 538

- House-led legislation by Representative Bethany Ballard
- Bipartisan support
- Calls for high-quality instructional materials, universal reading screeners, tiered reading intervention plans, formative assessments, teacher training for birth-5 and K-3 teachers, and training for new teachers through the university system.
- Sets timelines and responsibilities for state agencies and local school districts



Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538): Key Components



Instructional Materials

Universal Screeners

Targeted Interventions

Professional Learning

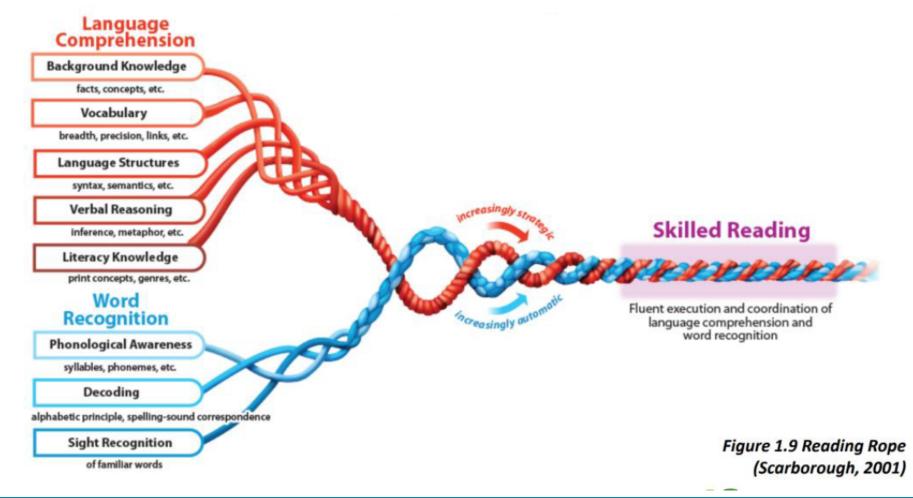
Teacher Preparation



The Science of Reading

"Science of reading means the body of research that identifies evidence-based approaches of explicitly and systematically teaching students to read, including foundational literacy skills that enable students to develop reading skills required to meet state standards in literacy."

HB538 - Lines 7376





Partnership to **Support Literacy**













8 Pilot Schools:

Barack and Michelle Obama Academy

Dobbs

Dunbar

Heritage

Kimberly

Miles

Peyton Forest

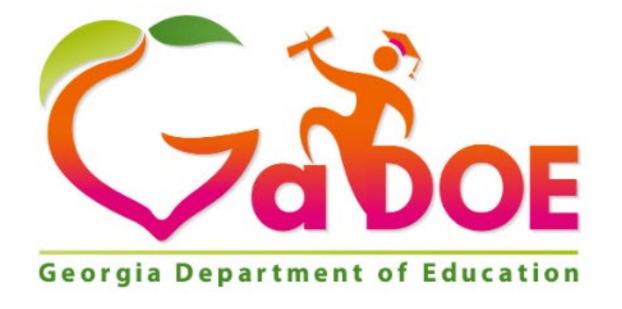
Tuskegee Global Academy



Rollins Center for Language & Literacy



A Program of the Atlanta Speech School





"Readers Are Leaders"

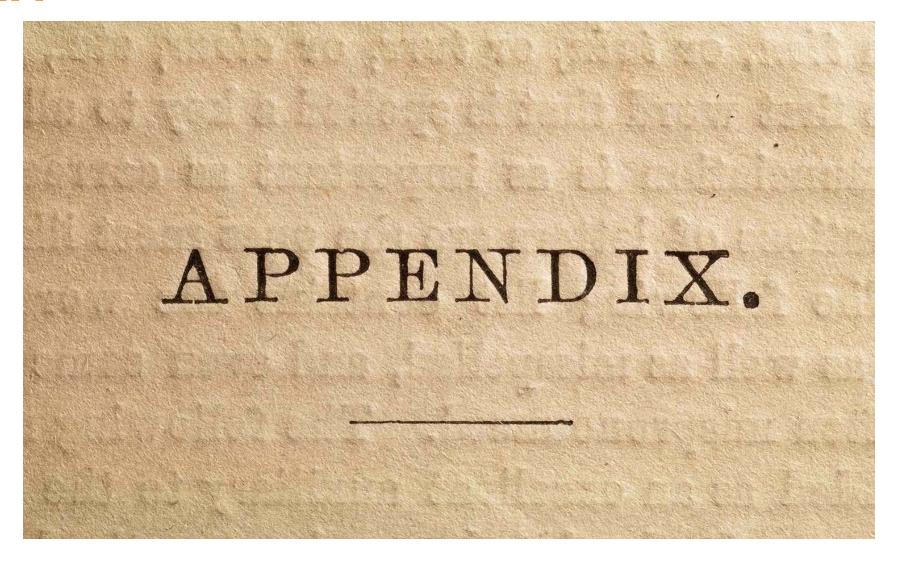
- 18 Month Roll Out to meet July 1, 2025, HB538 mandate
- Have met with surrounding districts on their lessons learned
- All K-5 teachers will be required to take the courses
- Leaders will receive professional learning a month before teachers/staff to assure support
- Central Office Staff will also participate including our Superintendent
- Proposing additional school-based support



WRAP UP | NEXT STEPS



APPENDIX





BEGINNING WITH THE END IN MIND

Our Mission

Through a caring **culture of equity**, trust, and collaboration, **every** student will graduate ready for college, career, and life.

Our Vision

A high-performing school district where students love to learn, educators inspire, families engage, and the community trusts the system.







Our Theory of Change

Students

Educators Classrooms



School Leaders
Schools



StaffCentral Office

that support excellence for all, SO THAT <u>ALL</u> students learn at a higher level.



who create **engaging**, **equitable**, **and inclusive** schools



THEN school leaders will be able to develop, support, and grow highly-skilled educators



IF the central office maintains an intentional focus on teaching, learning, and performance and provides high-quality service and support to schools



Charter System Operating Model – Basic Components

To innovate,
District Requires
Flexibility from
State Law, Policy
and District
Policy

Freedom and
Flexibility in
Exchange for
Increased
Accountability
Goals

Commitment to Innovation and Changing District Culture

Charter System

Required
Distribution of
Substantial
Autonomy to
School (LSGT)

The Charter System Philosophy: A district must want to truly change how it does business and believe that, in order to increase student achievement, schools must be operated in a different way, with greater parent and community buy-in at every single school. Schools are empowered to develop solutions free from the established educational bureaucracy of legislature-driven education mandates, State Board rules, and even the district's own policies and practices. With this freedom from the law, the district and its schools in turn agree to be held accountable for significant increases in student achievement.



Governance: APS Local School Governance Structure

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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 schoollevel strategic plan
- Creating school-based solutions to increase student achievement at the individual school level
- Selecting a representative for Cluster Advisory (CAT)

dvisory Team

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Cluster

Membership

- Principal
- 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 member

ittee Com **District Executive**

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





2016-18: Plan, Select & Implement

- √ Identified key blockers: Culture, Academics, Talent, Systems
- ✓ Selected charter operating system
- Developed local governance structure: GO Teams, Cluster Advisory and District Executive Committee Identify key blockers
- √ Created theory & model for change
- ✓ Increased autonomy at school level

2020-22: Continuing the Work

- √ Cluster Plans developed with a focus on alignment and signature programs
- √ Feedback during APS Charter System renewal process indicated a need to streamline and strengthen the work of the CAT
- √ CAT meetings are now focused on accomplishing priorities that the team establish during their 1st meeting



- ✓ Increased autonomy: Assessment, Instructional Resources, Professional Learning
- ✓ Shifted in roles at CLL to support schools differently
- Cluster advisory and district level advisory bodies increased community engagement and feedback into district operations
- √ Gathered feedback on Cluster Advisories feedback resulted in reviewing the focus & purpose of CAT, identifying goals for each meeting, and increasing participation





2022: Continually Improving

- √ Continue to build capacity
- Continue to design Cluster Advisory Teams for impact on student achievement and school communities

2026!



LOOKING FORWARD

WHAT WE HEARD...



CROSS CLUSTER COLLABORATION MEANINGFUL MEETINGS PUBLIC AWARENESS

