Executive Director's Report

May 19, 2020

Charter Renewal Update

Draft charter renewal petition complete; shared with Educational Excellence Committee chair and soon will be shared with full committee and K-8 leadership team.

Lottery preference shifts to be discussed May - June (timeline to be discussed).

On target for ratification by the full board on June 25.

A review: COVID-19 closure, planning & response



The academic leadership team met on Thursday, March 12th to establish principles and "must-haves" in a remote learning environment in the event of a school closure. A team of faculty & staff was selected to take these principles and build out a plan.

Governor Kemp held a press conference that afternoon that left school districts the option of closing should they so see fit.

Later that evening, Dr. Carstarphen announces that all APS schools will close after March 13th.



The team of faculty and staff selected by the academic leadership team meets for a full day on March 13th to build out the remote learning plan.

Students leave school that day with their Chromebooks.

The team reconvenes for another full day of work on Sunday, March 15th. The remote learning platform is named Home/Offsite Wolves Learning, or HOWL, by Cathey Goodgame.

The HOWL platform is rolled out to all faculty & staff on Monday, March 16th.



School supplies, math workbooks, journals and other materials are assembled for pick-up at both campuses, with specific materials going out to certain grade levels.



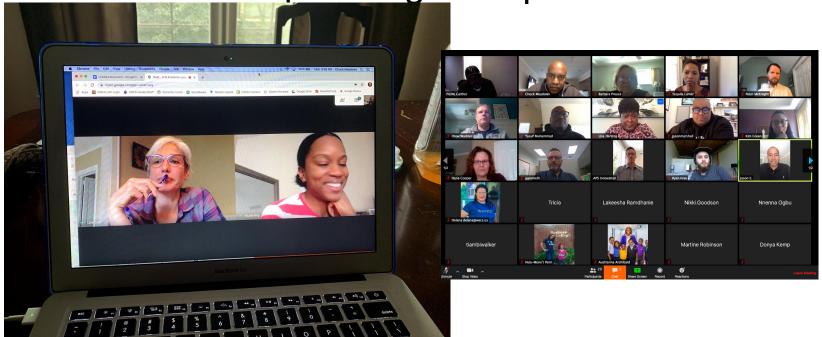
The HOWL site goes live for all students on Wednesday, March 18th, complete with lessons, instructions, library hours, meal sign-ups and more.

Attendance/participation rates range from approximately 88% - 95%.





Meal service begins at ANCS for the neighborhoods of Ormewood Park, Grant Park, Summerhill, Cabbagetown. Meals are free to anyone under 18 years of age.



All management, collaboration and planning moves to virtual platforms - both intra-school and externally.



Connections are made on a limited basis when they can happen safely

Planning for next year:

- APS to decide between in-person, virtual or hybrid method
- Charters will have a degree of autonomy
- Checkered approach likely in the metro region
- Concerns about "second wave"

Fiscal Outlook

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- Georgia Department of Education planning 14% budget reduction for the upcoming fiscal year; cuts will be "passed on" to local school districts
- Atlanta Public Schools does not plan to include any salary increases for FY21
- Immediate impact to state funding stream; delayed impact to local property tax revenue
- No reductions/revisions to adopted budget proposed currently
- Significant reductions to the FY22 budget should be expected