



## **Educational Excellence Committee Report – January 2021**

ANCS Governing Board Meeting | January 19, 2021

### **I. Calendar Adoption for 2021-2022 School Year**

- Draft calendar to be shared in February; full board vote to be held at March 2021 meeting

### **II. Charter Renewal Update**

- The APS Board of Education unanimously approved the charter petition, which advances to the State Board of Education for approval (vote expected either mid-March or mid-May)
- Our current charter agreements runs through June 30, 2021; new five-year term to begin July 1, 2021
- Thank you to Chuck Meadows and members of the Leadership Team and Board for their work on this effort
- See excerpt below from 1/11 APS Board meeting agenda

#### **Executive Summary:**

On August 27, 2020 Atlanta Public Schools Office of Innovation received a charter renewal petition from Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School to renew its charter contract for a five-year term. The current term for Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School expires on June 30, 2021.

A committee comprised of internal and external educational professionals has thoroughly reviewed Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School's petition, interviewed Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School's board and school leadership and agrees that Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School has gone beyond the minimum requirements for a renewal petition as contained in board policy IBB, in the Charter Schools Act of 1998 (O.C.G.A. §20-2-2060 through §20-2-2071), and outlined in State Board of Education Rule 160-4-9-.04 Charter Schools and Guidance both effective September 13, 2017.

#### **Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School**

Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School (ANCS) is a K-8 charter school with two campuses formed by the merger of two successful charter schools, the Neighborhood Charter School and Atlanta Charter Middle School, which have been operating in the Grant Park and Ormewood Park neighborhoods since 2002.

With plans on maintaining its current enrollment cap of 675 students, ANCS will utilize a weighted student enrollment lottery as allowed by state law to close the gap of students from economically disadvantaged households within the three neighborhoods of its primary attendance zone (Grant Park,

Ormewood Park and Summerhill) by 22.8% over the course of the next charter term. If necessary to achieve that goal, ANCS may also include in its student enrollment lottery randomly selected applicants who come from economically disadvantaged households from the school's secondary and tertiary attendance zones.

Throughout the phases of the renewal process, ANCS demonstrated a solid and comprehensive instructional program, school operations and organizational management, in addition to expressing their commitment to building a recruitment process that will guide the school in reaching its diversity and inclusion goals.