



Educational Excellence Committee Report – February 2021

ANCS Governing Board Meeting | February 22, 2021

I. Calendar Adoption for 2021-2022 School Year

- Draft calendar (see separate attachment) with 180 instructional days to be shared with stakeholders; full board vote to be held at March 2021 meeting

II. MAP Update

- Winter administration completed in January (see separate attachment)

III. 2021 and 2022 Lottery Updates

- APS has indicated that we should wait until the next application/lottery cycle (Spring 2022) to implement the changes outlined in our charter petition
- The Committee met with Jarod Apperson to discuss considerations for the new lottery structure, including:
 - timing of statistician's recommendation and board vote
 - conversion rate for Zone 2/3 applicants offered admission
 - SchoolMint logistics
- Application for 2021-2022 school year closes March 1st, with lottery results released March 8th
- Board to **vote** on recommended lottery weight for the 2021-2022 school year

e. Weighted Lottery. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2066(a)(1)(A), the Charter School may utilize a weighted lottery to provide an increased chance of admission to the following categories of educationally disadvantaged students:

- i. Students who are economically disadvantaged. An economically disadvantaged student shall be defined as a student whose family lives below the poverty line, qualifies for free or reduced lunch, or whose family qualifies for federal benefits including SNAP, TANF, WIC, Medicaid, or PINS.

The weight for economically disadvantaged students will be calculated annually to ensure at least 40% of newly admitted students are economically disadvantaged. The minimum weight shall be 1.5 and the maximum weight shall be 4.0. The Charter School will use the weighted lottery until 30% to 50% of enrolled students are economically disadvantaged. To facilitate the weighted lottery, applicants can indicate their 'economically disadvantaged' status on the admissions application and such status will be verified as a part of the registration process.