

# FAC Community Meeting Feedback Towers HS – 01/16/2014

## Community Member #1

- How does SACs/AdvancedEd fit into these options? Will the need for the district to continue to be accredited by AdvancedEd still exist?

## Community Member #2

- What will be in place to counter the potential negatives of each option?
  - Taking over of schools (IE2)
  - Autonomy (when those in charge aren't truly prepared to be in charge or have the ability to handle the autonomy) (Charter)

## Community Member #3

- What waivers do we currently have in place under the current status?

## Community Member #4

- What level of autonomy is included with the Charter System option?

## Community Member #5

- How would a local governance council be chosen in a Charter System?
  - How will the governance council be as inclusive as possible of as many members of the community as possible?

## Community Member #6

- (*Comment*) This appears to be a way of eliminating certain students from having equal access and a way to maintain certain bias.
  - Concern about accountability with the autonomy

## Community Member #7

- How do we make sure that the focus remains on the quality of instruction in the classroom in lieu of the energy that is being spent on implementing either one of these three options?

### **Community Member #8**

- (*Comment*) Data shows that students that are a part of charter schools do not perform better than students that attend traditional schools.
  - How do we ensure schools with low parental involvement don't fall by the waste side?

### **Community Member #9**

- Would the district be willing to reinstate transportation to allow for school choice options within the Charter System?

### **Community Member #10**

- What would happen to the current magnet and theme school programs within the district if we choose the Charter System option?

### **Community Member #11**

- (*Comment*) The timeline is of concern. Have we and do we have enough time to make an informed decision?

### **Community Member #12**

- What is the connection if any, between local school councils and governance councils?

### **Community Member #13**

- How does increasing parental engagement fit into this process?

### **Community Member #14**

- Fulton County has similar challenges within their district, (i.e. north end vs. south end). Meeting times are not conducive to working parents. How will we address this as an equity concern?

### **Community Member #15**

- With the level of autonomy being increased within each school within the Charter System concept, there will be a need for stronger principals across the district.

### **Community Member #16**

- (*Comment*) This is an attempt to eliminate certain students from certain communities and schools. It is not intended to improve equity across the district and improve the educational process for all students.

### **Community Member #17**

- Is this a decision that is designed to allow clusters such as Druid Hills to have the cluster they want, or is this decision one that will be designed for the betterment of the entire district?

### **Community Member #18**

- (*Comment*) There needs to be a greater focus on the atmosphere in our schools.

### **Community Member #19**

- (*Comment*) Teachers that are doing great things need to be highlighted regardless of the different dynamics that are dealing with in different communities.