

# FAC Community Meeting Feedback

## Lithonia HS – 01/22/2014

### **Community Member #1**

- It appears that the state will be changing its funding of schools, is that the case?

### **Community Member #2**

- How will one or any of these three options benefit student achievement?

### **Community Member #3**

- Will class size be impacted by either one of these options?

### **Community Member #4**

- Which of these three options prepares students for college readiness? Is there any data to support success with either one of the three options?

### **Community Member #5**

- Does the freedom that charter districts receive flow down to the schools?

### **Community Member #6**

- Will a centralized Human Resources Department still exist with the Charter System option?

### **Community Member #7**

- Will support be provided for schools that do not have strong participation as it relates to local school councils?

### **Community Member #8**

- Are current charter districts really functioning as “true charter districts” whereby students go to schools across the district, not by attendance zones?
  - How would this affect attendance lines?

### **Community Member #9**

- How do these options impact instructional practices?

### **Community Member #10**

- Can schools have autonomy in setting instructional practices?

### **Community Member #11**

- How will Special Education Centers fit into either one of these options?

### **Community Member #12**

- (*Comment*) The creation of charter schools is the next step to privatizing schools. Do your research and follow the progression of charter school development and implementation.

### **Community Member #13**

- How will IE2 impact TKES? Will that be an allowable waiver?
  - (*Comment*) TKES is creating a great deal of stress for teachers.

### **Community Member #14**

- Are there any districts similar to DeKalb that we can look at to compare to see which option might be best for DeKalb?

### **Community Member #15**

- What assurances will be in place to maintain equity across the district?

### **Community Member #16**

- How would a being a charter district respond to the various needs of each community?

### **Community Member #17**

- Will there be principal or staff changes with either of these options?

### **Community Member #18**

- (*Comment*) The current class size waivers are currently 6-9 students over the limit.

### **Community Member #19**

- Are there any districts that would have decided to remain status quo?

### **Community Member #20**

- Who is responsible for monitoring the autonomy given to schools?
  - Who is going to hold them accountable for the decision making?

### **Community Member #21**

- What are the consequences/negatives of each option?

### **Community Member #22**

- Would the governance of the district remain the same?
  - Would we still have a superintendent?
  - Would we still have a school board?

### **Community Member #23**

- Which option allows for need based funding?

### **Community Member #24**

- What effects will either of the two options (IE2 or Charter) have on the magnet and theme schools?

### **Community Member #25**

- Which option will account for the differences across the district in each community?

### **Community Member #26**

- How will the gaps in student achievement be impacted?

### **Community Member #27**

- Will there be more middle and high school theme school options available?

### **Community Member #28**

- Will there be allowances for the creation and expansion of alternative programs for at-risk students?
  - Students returning from the alternative schools are creating discipline concerns at the home schools.