

# Charter System Petition Community Engagement Session #4

## Stephenson High School – 09/30/2015

### Community Member #1

- Would the principal be able to appoint four members of the Local School Governance Team (LSGT)?
- How many seats are there?
- **(Comment)** I'm concerned about the amount of control that the principal will have?
- **(Comment)** I'm concerned about whether or not the District will have enough parents to volunteer to participate.

### Community Member #2

- Has there been any decision as to which schools will be in the first group?

### Community Member #3

- **(Comment)** It appears that the three schools selected are being selected to make it appear that the Charter System is working?

### Community Member #4

- What will the organizational structure be?
- Who does the school bring the initiative or strategy to?
- How will becoming a Charter System impact class size?

### Community Member #5

- Will the LSGT have flexibility on how funding is used?
- Could the money be used to attract better teachers?

### **Community Member #6**

- How will we justify hiring non-certified staff, specifically principals?

### **Community Member #7**

- How will enrollment be impacted?
- Will school choice programs be impacted?

### **Community Member #8**

- How will the student be chosen at the high school level for the LSGT?
- How much say will the student have?

### **Community Member #9**

- What's the purpose of becoming a Charter System?
- How will this improve the performance of our students?
- While we're doing this, are we addressing curriculum?
- What will we do about communities in which we have low parental support?

### **Community Member #10**

- What will the four million dollars be used for?
- Are there any other financial benefits?
- What is the plan for discord between the LSGT and the principal?
- Will there be something in place to prevent LSGTs from getting rid of principals?

### **Community Member #11**

- How will you address schools within a cluster that have greater needs?

### **Community Member #12**

- Have the conversations already begun to take place regarding some of the challenges?
- **(Comment)** I would ask that the District take into consideration the true meaning of autonomy?
- **(Comment)** School councils haven't been effective, what's going to be the difference?
- With IE2 the waivers have to be listed up front. According to the current petition, we already have waivers identified. Are there other waivers out there that we don't currently have in the petition?

### **Community Member #13**

- Can the District come back at a later time and request additional waivers?
- What's going to happen with the schools that are not in the first group? Who will be getting them ready? Is there a plan for this?

### **Community Member #14**

- Is the four million dollars a one-time offering, or is it renewable?
- Do Title I moneys get touched with this?

### **Community Member #15**

- **(Comment)** We need community oversight over the LSGTs.
- What would prevent the LSGTs from not functioning like they should?

### **Community Member #16**

- Will parents know the curriculum before the next school year?

### **Community Member #17**

- What would happen at the end of the five years if a school did not meet the requirements?
- If that were the case, where would that leave the schools as far as reestablishing themselves?

### **Community Member #18**

- **(Comment)** I hope there is collaboration between colleges and the District regarding the curriculum audit?

### **Community Member #19**

- What happens if a school within a cluster becomes an OSD school, how does that impact the Charter System?