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CHARTER SYSTEM PETITION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Parents:

The DeKalb County School District is seeking to become the largest charter system in the state of Georgia. In order to accomplish this goal, the district must submit a petition to the Georgia Department of Education seeking charter system status, and your input in this petition is sought. The district is seeking your thoughts on autonomy and flexibility at your school and how that autonomy and flexibility can lead to innovations in how students are taught and how the school is governed.

Five community engagement sessions have been scheduled, and anyone seeking the opportunity to provide input is invited to attend, including parents, teachers, and other community members. You are also encouraged to review information from the Georgia Department of Education concerning charter systems, including some of the petitions from other school systems around the state that are already operating as a charter district. That information can be found at the following web address: <http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/Charter-Schools/Pages/default.aspx>.

The Community Engagement Sessions will occur at the following locations:

Region IV	Lithonia High School	Tuesday, August 26 @ 6:00 PM
Region II	Lakeside High School	Wednesday, August 27 @ 6:00 PM
Region I	Dunwoody High School	Thursday, August 28 @ 6:00 PM
Region V	Towers High School	Tuesday, September 2 @ 6:00 PM
Region III	Stephenson High School	Wednesday, September 3 @ 6:00 PM

We thank you in advance for your participation and look forward to seeing you soon!

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