

# **Charter System Renewal**

Strategy & Governance





## **Charter Renewal Video**





### **Principles of Shared Governance**



"Empowered teams have been found to experience greater collaboration and coordination, as well as more novel and innovative solutions to problems."

-Craig L. Pearce



### **Charter District Highlights**

Largest Charter System in Georgia

960 Active Council Members

**Transparent and Competitive Elections Process** 

School-level Strategic Plans that Align to FCS Vision and Goals

District-Wide Gains in Academic Performance and Climate Indicators



#### **Reasons for Renewal**

- Continue School Governance Council Model to Involve Stakeholders in Shared Decision-Making
- Grants Broad Flexibilities to Title 20 mandates and State Board rules
- Provides additional QBE funding to support innovative problem-solving
- Redefine academic, school climate and fiscal performance goals





### **Evolving as a Charter District**

- Robust Training Menu
  - Online Series
  - Leadership Development Series
  - Design Thinking
- Accountability
  - Charter Dollar Expenditures
  - SGC Reflections
  - Website Audits
- Tiered Flexibilities

**District Flexibility** 

Opt-In/ Opt-Out

**School Level Innovations** 



**GADOE Site Visit TBD** 

### **Renewal Timeline**

• FCS and GADOE Early Planning

September

#### October

- Board Feedback
- GADOE Feedback

- Council Feedback
- Application Drafting
- Board Presentation

November

#### December

- Board Vote
- All Materials Due

District-Wide Communications



### **Defining our Charter**

"FCS has provided leadership in establishing and providing on-going support for school governance councils by encouraging school-level governance thus allowing greater participation by the community in the schooling process."

-Sherrie Gibney-Sherman,
GADOE Charter District Liaison





### **Moving Forward: Creating Clarity**



**Defining Tight & Loose** 



Using Policy Framework to Define District Frameworks



Firming Guidance on Charter Dollar Expenditures



Clarifying Value-Added Flexibility Process for Schools



## **Long-Term View**

