



**Q&A from Superintendent Parent/Community Advisory Council Meeting  
1-5-2021**

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**Meeting Recap:**

- Dr. Looney shared that the Bill of Rights will be presented at the next Board Work Session and Board Meeting for Board approval. Parents and Community members reviewed the draft that would be presented to the Board at the upcoming work session.
- Dr. Looney and Dr. Moore, Executive Director of Strategy and Governance, shared that the grading policy IHA which was waived first semester is back into effect for second semester. In December, the Board approved a policy waiver to override stipulations in IHA regarding improving grades which includes recovery and incompletes. Please see below for policy IHA and the guidelines for recovery and incompletes.
  - IHA Grading and Reporting:  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/fcss/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=9P5P7P634454>
  - Policy Waiver for Improving Grades:  
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/fcss/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BVWL6T5247D5>
- Charter Renewal Update: FCS is currently finalizing the process for Charter Renewal. In December, the Board approved the renewal application which will serve to extend the FCS Charter Systems contract until 2026. FCS lawyers are working with the State to revise some outdated information in the contract, but we believe the process will be completed in the coming weeks. Charter Renewal Petition Interviews will take place in early February and will include Dr. Looney, a member of the FCBOE, members our school governance councils, principals and members of the Strategy & Governance department.

**Q and A:**

1. With the FFCRA formally expiring, what is Fulton's plan for Covid-related leave? Will the system extend the leave now that it is voluntary, or will teachers be expected to use sick/personal leave; and what plans exist in light of those decisions relative to instruction, if there is a sub shortage, and teachers are not allowed to work from home?
  - a. We do not know if this will be extended or not. Our employees earn sick leave each month and many are a part of the sick bank. We are exploring if it is feasible to use Universal Remote Leave. We would like to be able to do this, but we need to ensure we have enough teachers/substitutes in schools to cover classes. Our talent department and legal team are working on this now.

2. Where did the final numbers fall for the 2nd Semester Commitment Survey? What % opted for F2F versus Virtual as compared to 1st Semester?
  - a. 55% opted for F2F in semester 2. This represents a 5% increase in F2F. More students overall opted for F2F in high school.
  
3. Has the time change for quarantine changed based on new CDC guidelines?
  - a. Yes, we have changed our guidance in accordance with CDC guidelines. Effective January 1, 2021, all Fulton County School staff and students who are directed to quarantine by FCS Health Service/FCBOH will be assigned a standard quarantine period of ten (10) days. Only those in quarantine due to a Direct Contact can reduce the quarantine period to a minimum of 7 days by doing the following, such does not apply to positive individuals.

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The quarantined individual must provide documentation (PCR or antigen) Covid-19 test result. The test must be taken on day 5 or later with the results document dated on day 5 or later of quarantine.	The quarantined individual must not have experienced any Covid symptoms during the quarantine period.	The quarantined period can be reduced to a minimum of 7 Days

\*Per CDC Guidelines

4. What happens if a family chose F2F and are now more concerned based on the current numbers? Will they be able to switch to virtual?
  - a. We understand the safety concerns. The ongoing changes in semester one made staffing incredibly difficult for schools. The 9-week commitment is an attempt to create some stability in classrooms.
  
5. Is the closing matrix still active?
  - a. Yes, it is. The closing matrix is used to determine the closure of individual schools. The decision to close a school is based on the number of cases and situation at each school. Sometimes we have to close a school because we cannot operate a school because we have too many staff members quarantined and we do not have enough substitutes, or Fulton County Department of Health advises us to based on the numbers at a school.
  
6. Are meals still free for all students attending school?
  - a. Yes, they are free through the rest of the school year.