

Charter System Petition Community Engagement Session #3

Lithonia High School – 09/29/2015

Community Member #1

- **(Comment)** The added bureaucracy within each Cluster Advisory Committee (CACs) and the Local School Governance Teams (LSGTs) is concerning to me.
- With cityhoods becoming more prevalent, what is the contingency plan if cityhoods actually happen?
- If clusters can have their own committees, will this create situations in which more clusters can break off on their own?
- Have these scenarios been incorporated in the Charter System planning?

Community Member #2

- What is the financial impact on the county if we become a Charter System?

Community Member #3

- If a school cluster wants to pull out of the District's charter, would the District have veto power?
- **(Comment)** There has been a huge influx of poverty stricken refugees coming to the District.
- Has there been any discussions on the District saying we can't take anymore refugees?

Community Member #4

- Would all schools within the CAC have to agree on the initiative in question?

Community Member #5

- What are the benefits of the District becoming a Charter System?
- If I wanted to do more research, where would I go?

Community Member #6

- What would be the purpose of fund raising at the local schools?

Community Member #7

- Could you be more specific on the flexibility of becoming a Charter System?

Community Member #8

- How does the Charter System impact No Child Left Behind?

Community Member #9

- Will becoming a Charter System have any impact on retention policies and procedures?

Community Member #10

- How will disparities or inequities between communities, regions or clusters within the district be addressed (i.e. fund raising)?
- Are teacher's pensions/salaries going to be addressed in the charter petition?

Community Member #11

- Where can I find statistics on the pros and cons of becoming a Charter System?

Community Member #12

- Will the Milestones test count this year?
- If we become a Charter System will the Milestones test be impacted?

Community Member #13

- Will becoming a Charter System improve priority and focus schools?