March 4, 2020

Dear FCSS Community:

The Fannin County School System is in its fifth year as a Charter System. A significant part of the reason why the District chose to become a Charter System was to have each school assume more local control. This is achieved by having a Local School Governance Team (LSGT) at each school. The LSGTs are comprised of the school principal (a permanent member), two parent representatives, two school employees, and two community members. Except for the principal, each member serves a two-year term; terms are staggered.

The membership structure is such that the two parent/guardians are elected by parents/guardians (candidates must have a child enrolled at that school during their term). The two school employees serve as follows: 1) One member is appointed by the principal, and 2) One member is elected by the school’s employees. The two community members are nominated by the principal, and those nominations are approved by a majority vote of the LSGT. Fannin County High School has two students who are non-voting members and appointed by the principal.

The LSGT qualifications are as follows: 1) Parent must have a child who attends the school during their term; 2) A parent member may not be an employee of the school where they are serving team as a member of the LSGT; 3) Only one family member may serve on the team (as a voting member) at any given time; 4) No person may serve on more than one FCSS LSGT at any given time; 5) Each LSGT member must be at least eighteen years of age (with the exception of the two students serving at FCHS).

Any candidate who wishes to serve on a LSGT Team for the 2020-2021 school year must attend a mandatory two-hour “New Member Orientation Training” before running or being appointed. This training will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at the Fannin County Board of Education. After our potential candidates have met all training requirements, elections and appointments for the upcoming year will take place at each school by the end of this school year. Those new members who are elected/appointed for the 2020-2021 school year will have another mandatory training by our Charter System Liaison (in August 2020 time/date TBA).

Our schools have the following vacancies to be filled this year, for next school year’s teams:

- **BRES:** Parent: 1 elected; Comm. Member: 1 appointed; School Employee: 1 elected
- **EFES:** Parent: 1 elected; Comm. Member: 1 appointed; School Employee: 1 elected
- **WFES:** Parent: 1 elected; Comm. Member: 1 appointed; School Employee: 1 appointed
- **FCMS:** Parent: 1 elected; Comm. Member: 1 appointed; School Employee: 1 appointed
- **FCHS:** Parent: 1 elected; Comm. Member: 1 appointed; School Employee: 1 elected

If you are interested in an opportunity to serve on one of our LSGT Teams, please contact me at the Fannin County Board of Education (bhyde@fannin.k12.ga.us / 706-632-3771), or notify your school’s principal.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hyde
Deputy Superintendent and FCSS Charter Coordinator

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