

Substantial Autonomy Assurance for Chamblee Charter High School

The DeKalb County School District (DCSD) agrees to ensure that its locally approved charter schools operate with substantial autonomy, which requires that “the nonprofit governing board of a charter school shall have authority to make, but is not limited to, personnel decisions, including selection of the principal or school leader; financial decisions and resource allocation decisions, including establishing the number and type of personnel, curriculum costs, supply costs, equipment costs and maintenance and operations costs; selection of a curriculum and accompanying instructional materials; establishment and monitoring of the achievement of school improvement goals, including approval of the school improvement plan and oversight of its implementation; and operations that are consistent with school improvement goals.”

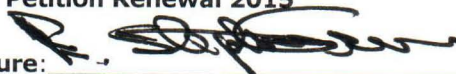
DCSD will ensure that the substantial autonomy requested in the governance matrix as approved and signed off by the District is provided. Furthermore, the Chamblee Charter High School Governing Board will be afforded opportunities to dialogue with DCSD to expand its autonomy over the course of its charter term.

Due to non-waivable state and federal requirements that prohibit charter schools from utilizing admissions criteria for their students, the Chamblee Charter High School governing board will have no authority or governance over the District-operated magnet program co-located at Chamblee Charter High School. Magnet program personnel, programming, curriculum, instruction, and operations will be governed separately by the District. The Chamblee Charter High School Governing Board and the DCSD Superintendent will collaborate on the hiring and selection of the school leader position when vacancies occur as detailed within the District-approved Chamblee Charter High School governance matrix.

Due to the co-location of the magnet program and the Chamblee Charter High School, DCSD will collaborate with the Chamblee Charter High School governing board to determine how to share resources while remaining legally compliant, **prior to the commencement of the charter term on July 1, 2016.**

Chamblee Charter High School Petition Renewal 2015

DCSD Superintendent's Signature: _____



Date: _____

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