



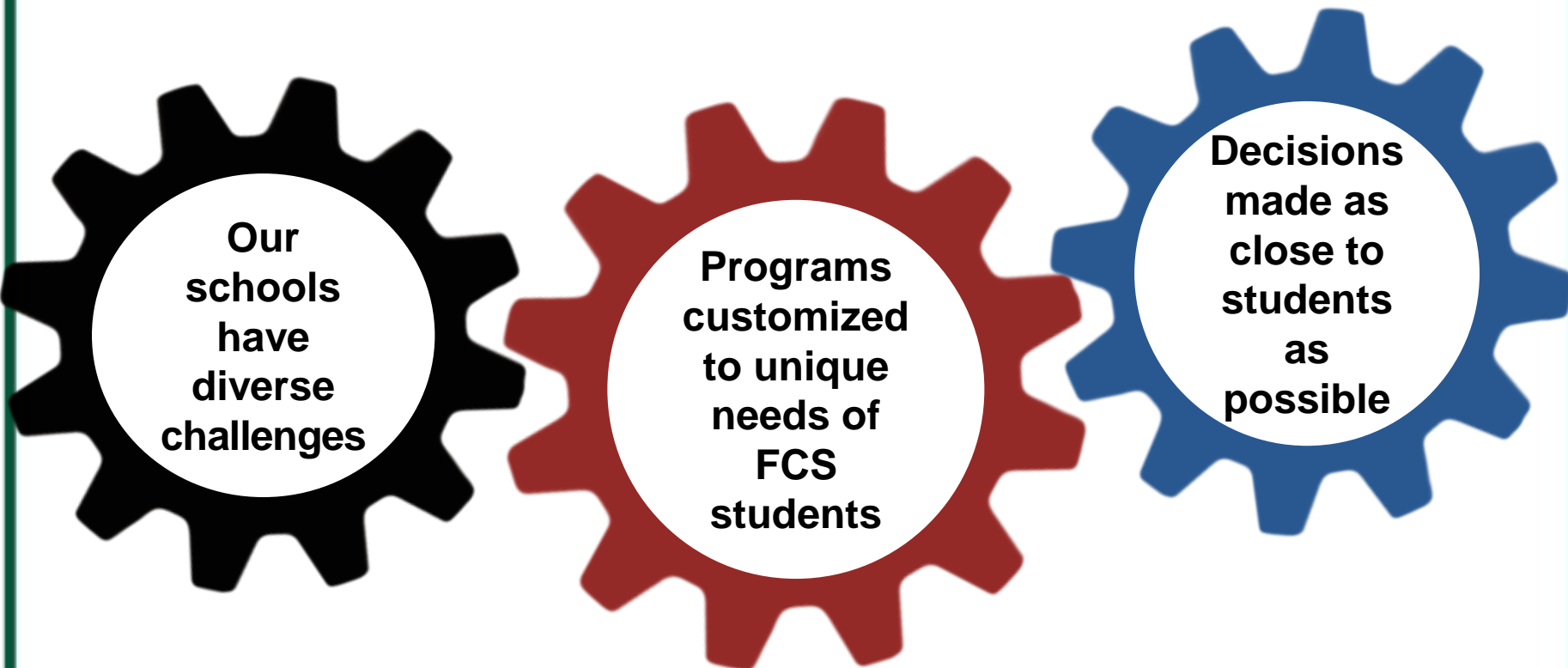
# School Governance Council Overview

Presented by the Governance & Flexibility Department of Fulton County Schools



# Theory of Action

**Given our unique context, the District believes empowering local school communities will best serve FCS students.**



**Our schools have diverse challenges**

**Programs customized to unique needs of FCS students**

**Decisions made as close to students as possible**

**Local school autonomy**

*Increased school decision-making will provide a stable, long-term framework for improving student achievement.*

# SGC Responsibilities

## ➤ Powers

- Approve the school Strategic Plan and updates
- Approve budget recommendations and related allocations
- Manage the Request for Flexibility process
- Participate in hiring of the Principal
- Provide annual feedback on Principal's performance
- Interface with school's Title I committee (if applicable)

## ➤ Responsibilities

- Communicate with school stakeholders
- Maintain Council certification & meet at least 6 times/year
- Abide by Georgia's Open Records & Open Meetings Laws

# Members of the SGC

1 – Principal (non-voting)

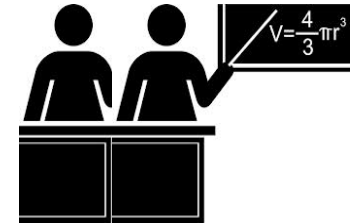
3 – Parents/Guardians (elected)

2 – Teachers (elected)

2 – School Employees (appointed)

2 – Community Members (nominated)

+ 2 – Students (HS only; non-voting)



10 Member Council (ES, MS)

12 Member Council (HS)



# SGC Officers



## CHAIR

- Face of the Council
- Presides over meetings



## VICE CHAIR

- Acts as Chair in the Chair's absence



## PARLIAMENTARIAN

- Ensures adherence to Open Meetings Law & Robert's Rules

- Officers are elected by SGC members at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Fiscal Year.
- Officers serve a 1-year term & are eligible for 1 additional 1-year term
- Cannot be the Principal or a Student member.

# SGC Committees

## Budget & Finance

### ✦ Responsibilities

- Recommendations on the school's budget
- Monitor budget progress
- Prepare Seed Fund applications
- Follow Open Meetings/Records requirements



### ✦ Members

- Chair (SGC member)
- Principal
- 3 additional SGC members
- Up to 3 additional members – SGC and/or external (optional)

# SGC Committees

## Outreach & Communications

### ✦ Responsibilities

- Communicate with stakeholders
- Participate in annual school meeting to be led by the Principal
- Manage the Request for Flexibility process
- Conduct community/stakeholder surveys
- Follow Open Meetings/Records requirements



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# Next Steps (Tentative Dates)

- October 10<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> (Candidate Declaration)
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> New Schools Election
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> SGC training