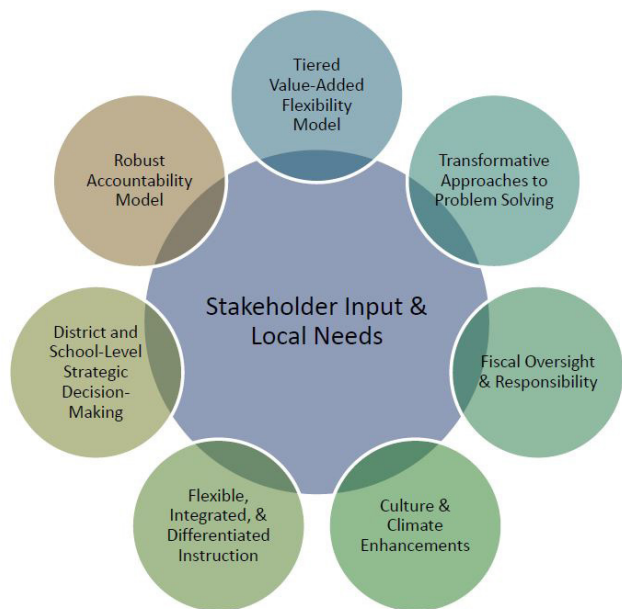


School Governance Councils

In 2012, when Fulton County Schools became a Charter System, district leaders came together with school administrators and local stakeholders to develop a districtwide shared governance model directed by School Governance Councils (SGCs). These council members are organized to ensure diverse perspectives and work collaboratively with school leadership teams. They have been charged with exercising local governance and promoting innovative solutions to help support school-level goals and initiatives.



“Being a part of our SGC allows us to communicate the needs and wants of our fellow students on a local and school district level. We are also able to better understand the inner workings of our school, in a way that is relevant to the student body.”

– SGC Student Member, Alpharetta High School

“My role on the School Governance Council has been an incredibly rewarding experience as both a community member and parent. Collaborating with fellow council members, I’ve had the privilege to shape our school’s strategic plan, ensuring it aligns with our scholars’ and staff’s needs. It’s a fulfilling journey, knowing that our collective efforts contribute to a better educational environment.”

– SGC Parent Member, Cliftondale Elementary School

SGC POWERS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Monitor and support the school strategic plan
- Manage the tiered flexibility request process
- Oversee the expenditure of Charter System funds
- Evaluate and approve annual budget recommendations
- Participate in the hiring of a principal in the case of a vacancy
- Provide annual feedback on principal performance

COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

- Principal
- 3 Parents/Guardians
- 2 Teachers
- 2 School Employees
- 2 Community Members
- 2 Students (HS only)

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- 2015 Charter System of the Year
- Governance Team Recipient of the Year, SY 2021
- 96 School Governance Councils
- 996 Active Council Members
- Emphasis on Shared Decision-Making
- Leadership Development Opportunities
- Student-Focused Goals & Initiatives