



Fulton Academy of Virtual Excellence

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Dear Parents and Guardians of FAVE Elementary Students,

At last night's School Board meeting, Superintendent Mike Looney announced that the elementary grade levels of Fulton Academy of Virtual Excellence will be discontinued at the end of this current school year.

FAVE was created after the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that students could successfully learn through online learning and self-directed lessons led by Fulton County Schools teachers. FAVE has enjoyed many schoolwide accolades, including 2024 Georgia Literacy Leaders in 5th, 6th, and 8th grade, PBIS Operational School, AP Honors School, Microsoft Showcase School, and National Beta School of Merit. However, most of the families who initially chose this learning model for elementary grades have now transitioned back to in-person schools, leaving few students in our elementary program. Enrollment projections indicate that this trend of low enrollment is unlikely to improve.

Please know that our FAVE administration and staff remain committed to supporting your student as the next steps are taken. The school district's Student Assignment Office will work with each family to help students transition back to their original home school or to a different FCS school with available space, if parents provide transportation and students meet attendance, academic and behavioral requirements to maintain enrollment. In the interim, I invite you to use this link to schedule a time with me to talk more about the transition: <https://calendly.com/bartont-fultonschools/30min>. You also can reach out to the FCS Student Assignment office directly at studentassignment@fultonschools.org or 470-254-5550 with enrollment and transfer-related questions.

For our families with other students attending FAVE for grades 6-12, please know that this decision does not impact them. It also does not affect the district's Virtual Program (sometimes confused with FAVE) which allows middle and high school students to take online classes in addition to attending their regular home school. I regret having to share this news, but I sincerely appreciate your support and involvement in our school community. I will share additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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