

LOCAL SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TEAM - LSGT



In April 2014, the Colquitt County Schools System began a focused effort to investigate the viability of becoming a Charter System. Superintendent Dr. Samuel DePaul appointed a steering committee made up of system level administrators to assist in this charge. Public hearings and focus group meetings were held to discuss the ingredients of the Colquitt County School System Charter. The final Charter System application was approved on January 12, 2015. The application is anticipated to be approved by the Georgia State Board of Education in May.

One of the driving forces behind Charter System status is the importance of local decision-making to maximize educational opportunities for children. This is reflected in the transition from School Councils to Local School Governance Teams (LSGT). Each Local School Governance Team will seek to provide the best possible learning environment for the children in their community.

A key element to charter is moving decision making closer to where learning takes place. That means leaving decisions to the individual school systems and to the schools within the system. It also means involving more people in the decision making process - involving parents and community leaders in school decisions.

A Local School Governance Team in each school is the method the school system will use to get the community, parents and teachers involved in decision making to maximize educational opportunities for children. Each Local School Governance Team will seek to provide the best possible learning environment for the children in their community.

Each LSGT is searching for parents interested in serving on its governance team. Elections will take place in May 2015 at a general parent meeting. Please note that you must be present to vote. If you are interested in serving on a LSGT, please contact the principal of that particular school.

Membership: Total: 8 members

The Local School Governance Team membership will be as follows, effective July 1, 2015:

- Principal
- 2 full-time classroom teachers
- 1 certified full-time support/leadership person
- 2 parents/guardians of enrolled students
- 2 community members
 - 1 member of the community who resides in Colquitt County, not formally associated with the school as an employee of the school system or parent/guardian.
 - 1 member from a Colquitt County business community.

Terms of Office:

The terms of office shall be for a specified length of time and shall be staggered to ensure greater continuity in the work of the team.

- Principal: entire tenure as principal
- 2 full-time classroom teachers: two year non-consecutive term (Initial election cycle, one teacher elected to a one-year term.)
- 1 certified full-time support/leadership person: two year term
- 2 parent/guardians of enrolled students: two-year term (Initial election cycle, one parent/guardian elected to a one-year term.)
- 2 community members: two-year term (Initial election cycle, community member elected to one-year term, business member elected to two-year term.)

Your involvement in your child(ren)'s education is paramount to his/her success and to the success of our school system. As stated in our mission: We are committed to the daily pursuit of excellence in student achievement while working with parents and the community to serve the needs of all children in a positive and safe environment.