



**Our schools need you! Get involved in School Governance!**

### ***Charter System Means Local Control of Schools***

A key element to being a charter school system means moving decision-making closer to where learning takes place. That means leaving many 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, like you, in school decisions. The Barrow County School System values your voice and believes that input from all stakeholder groups leads to better and stronger schools.

***A Local School Governance Team or SGT*** in each school is the method the school system uses to get the community, parents, teachers, and students involved in decision-making to maximize educational opportunities for students. Each SGT will seek to provide the best possible learning environment for the children in their community. The SGT of this school is searching for parents and community members interested in volunteering some time to serve on the governance team.

### ***Local School Governance Team Members***

The SGT is made up of the principal, 2 parents, 2 community leaders, 2 teachers and 2 students (high school only).

### ***Requirements***

**Meetings** are held approximately once per month and a 3 year commitment is preferred but not required.

**Parents** must have a child currently enrolled in the school. Parents may not be staff members of the school. Parents are elected by parents.

The principal of the school will appoint the **Community Leaders** from those who have an interest in the school.

**Teachers** must be currently employed at the school where they serve. Teachers elect teachers.

### ***What type decisions will the Governance Teams make?***

The SGT makes meaningful decisions that impact the education of children in our community. The scope of the work is focused and considers matters that:

- Align with the school improvement plan
- Align with budget and resource allocation
- Positively affect the overall student population, the staff, and the school
- Promote a positive school climate, strong communication, and involvement of all stakeholders
- Recognize and celebrate success
- In the event of a principal vacancy, the SGT works with the superintendent to select a principal for recommendation to the Board of Education

### ***How do I get involved?***

Contact your school principal to express interest and learn more information or complete the following form and submit it to the front office of the school. Elections usually occur in May!

## School Governance Team Candidate Interest Form

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Contact Information (Phone and E-mail preferred): \_\_\_\_\_

Role (Circle one):

PARENT

COMMUNITY LEADER

TEACHER

Please provide a brief description of yourself and state why you would like to serve on the School Governance Team.

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