

SCG March 25, 2024

Good Things:

High Growth and High Achievement overall for Spring MAPS.

Marc Feuerbach:

Budget survey-what's important to families in CCSS.

- Available to ALL stakeholders, very public.
- Board fills out budget priorities
- Select a focus area that's important to you-safety, staff compensation and benefits, operation school systems
- 1.SCHOOL SAFETY is the winner far and above the rest, 2.early learning and student readiness, 3.extracurricular and enrichment opportunities, 4.teacher pay and retention
- Millage rates: comparison schools have shifted from Northwest Georgia to Metro Atlanta. Cherokee, Paulding, Cobb, Marietta City all have higher millage rates than Cartersville (13%)

City of Cartersville growth-

- January 2024-netted 70 new students which is unheard of. Solid 8-10n years before seriously adjustments will need to made to accommodate the growth.
- Serious look at literacy in the district. "Literacy Wars" are happening in the state. Multi-year emphasis on K-2 and also the higher grades, what does this look like?
- New journey-blend of **content AND design** with instruction. Programs can only do so much, content and delivery blends with design to make a curriculum where students LEARN and it STAYS with them for future learning.
- "Images of School" Schlechty rubric: meant to be all roles at some point or another

Personnel changes at CPS and CMS:

- Why so many changes at once?
So much time and energy spent on this decision. Retirement of Bishop and also some needs that needed to be met. Efficiency study where an outside consultant came and assessed our efficiency. Suggestion was made for a K-5 focus and a 6-12 focus, but was tabled for a while. Saunders with Federal Programs and Weaver with ...needed support for HR and Federal Programs.
Cognia report 2.5 years ago told us that we had a very high school for learning but we lack a K-12 instructional framework
Instructional framework meaning vertical communication...is what we're learning at K and 1 growing into what we're learning in 11 and 12?
- What is the goal of the new positions that were added?
-New curriculum must be added for birth-5
-Advanced academics to be an additional focus
-Expertise was already here with CCSS staff for these new positions, so they were moved into them immediately
- How do you balance someone inside vs. outside the district?
Right person, right place, right time

School calendar staying the same or changing?

- 4-day works weeks and week-long breaks are great for teachers, but horrible for kids (in Dr. F opinion)

5 positions open at CES

- SPED and Gifted: internal moves

Solutions Tree training and Schlechty training

- 2 more groups going this summer

Are Fall MAPS scores available to parents on SLDS?

Next SGC meeting, April 22