



April 19, 2021

Dear Hapeville Charter Family,

It is by this memorandum that we wish to inform you that the Hapeville Charter Schools will only seek charter renewal for the high school (grades 9-12) and not for the middle school (grades 6-8), starting in July 2022, with the 2022-23 school year. After careful consideration of the feasibility and sustainability of keeping the middle school open, and after weighing all options and taking all available facts into consideration, the determination was made that this decision would be in the best interest of all parties.

The proactive decision to seek charter renewal for HCCA only (grades 9-12) was a decision that enables HCS to focus all resources on capitalizing on core opportunities for our students and the community. The Hapeville Charter School Board concluded this was the most prudent decision moving forward based on the opportunity for increased focus, coupled with the challenges identified below:

- Increased competition for enrollment resulting from anticipated K-8 realignments in the area
- Continued size constraints for an aging MS building
- Increases in operating expenses creating the probability of no longer adequately supporting a dual school structure

Therefore, the 2021-2022 School Year will be the final year of offering grades 6 through 8 at HCMS; the school will then close effective June 30, 2022. Hapeville Charter will facilitate and expedite the transfer of students to their home schools, or other FCSS or State public charter schools or magnet schools. Beginning July 2022, Hapeville Charter will only serve students who are enrolled in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade.

We thank you for your support and for the opportunity to continue to serve the students and families of the South Fulton community.

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