Update on Envisioning a 21st Century Educational Delivery Model RFP

December 4, 2012
Why is this work necessary?
Our Vision- 80% of Our Students Will Complete a Two or Four Year College or Workforce Certification

Our goals are clear
  – Accelerate Academic Achievement
  – Eliminate Racial Disparities
  – Become a District of First Choice

There are significant and complex barriers we must overcome
  – Academic growth in a difficult fiscal climate
  – Regain momentum after an academic setback
  – Plan using a process that is transparent and engaging of board and community
We Have Areas Demanding *Immediate* Attention

- Low Performing Schools
- Student Attendance
- Expansion of School Choice
We Are Open to New Ideas that Serve the Best Interests of Our Students, for Example...

- Blended Learning Models
- Alternative school management models
- Stronger “branding” of schools,
- Leveraging of our Intermediate Unit status
- Improving access to post secondary options while still enrolled in high school
- Prioritization and focus, i.e., we are ARTS, STEM and SS
- Revenue producing models
Why we believe we need outside technical assistance
A Partner Who...

- Has deep expertise in education innovation and implementation
- Is open to build off of our successes
- Is experienced in designing an innovative, research-based approach
- Is willing to embrace complexity
  - Finance
  - Academics
  - Multiple initiatives underway
- Skillful in assisting us to align Board, staff and community around a shared vision and strategy
The Board is demanding greater community engagement.

We hear you.
How will we will select the firm and pay for the support?
Starting in late summer, our timeline has been ambitious, and thoughtful and we have evaluated all proposals with an eye towards experience, evidence, value add, diversity and budget

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In Light of Our Fiscal Constraints, We Are Seeking Supplement Funds

• We anticipate that this process would likely cost between $2-3M dollars.

• We will ask for Board approval when we have the supplemental funds and anticipate being ready for the December 19th Legislative Meeting