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DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ENDORSES THEORY OF ACTION FOR CHANGE

The DeKalb County Board of Education today unanimously approved a Theory of Action for Change for DeKalb Schools, a mission and philosophy statement that outlines how the new School System administration plans to improve student success in every part of the school district.

The Theory of Action for Change calls for creating a culture of accountability among School System leadership and employees; pledges to put more authority in the hands of principals who achieve, while offering more support and guidance for schools that need improvement; and outlines finding new and creative ways to recognize and compensate teachers.

The Theory of Action for Change also creates a framework to build a new district-wide curriculum; provide more transparency of School System operations; and improve how the School System communicates with the community, as well as outlining the oversight role of the Board of Education.

DeKalb Schools Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Atkinson presented The Theory of Action for Change to the Board of Education as part of her 90-Day Entry Plan, which pledged to identify and correct critical issues facing DeKalb Schools. With the Board of Education's endorsement today, Dr. Atkinson will begin to implement the Theory of Action for Change across the School System.

"Today we have a school district with only pockets of success and high achievement, and that must change. We have to transform DeKalb Schools into a true district-wide School System of Excellence," Dr. Atkinson said.

“The Theory of Action for Change is our first step in changing the culture of DeKalb Schools and refocusing all of our efforts toward improving student success,” Dr. Atkinson added.

For a copy of the DeKalb Schools Theory of Action for Change or for more information about the DeKalb County School System, please visit www.dekalb.k12.ga.us.

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