

# Executive Director's Report

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# 2014–15 SY Calendar & Schedule

- ▶ Since February board meeting, parent feedback on calendar and schedule solicited via survey and three open forums
- ▶ Summary of survey feedback and open forum feedback:
  - Strong preference for August start date (over July start date) for first day of school in calendar
  - Strong preference for early release (over late start) as option for creating more regular teacher collaboration time
  - Strong interest in enrichment activities related to the arts, foreign language, organized physical activity, and science/technology

# 2014–15 SY Calendar & Schedule

- ▶ Survey comments and open forum discussions also revealed:
  - Support for optional academic support and enrichment activities during fall and mid–winter breaks
  - Support for early release or late start with ability to keep students at school involved in enrichment activities or after care until regular dismissal time at no cost
  - Similar themes to comments (both for and against) as from board discussions of both topics
  - Desire for increased parent input into future proposed changes

# 2014–15 SY Calendar & Schedule

- ▶ Based on feedback, leadership team recommends adopting 2014–15 calendar with August start date for students
- ▶ Additionally, leadership team will implement the following in regards to schedule:
  - Early release for students on Wednesdays (with no cost after care and enrichment activities until regular dismissal time at both campuses)
  - Reserve several of these Wednesday afternoons for “office hours” time for parents to meet informally with students’ teachers outside of regularly-scheduled conference times
  - Feedback will be gathered on schedule and calendar from faculty/ staff, students, and parents after first term of 2014–15 SY to evaluate changes and determine what adjustments—if any—are needed moving forward

# 2014–15 SY Enrollment Update

- ▶ Initial new student application period ended on 3/10
- ▶ Public lottery scheduled for 3/27 at 6:00 PM at elementary campus

# 2014-15 SY Enrollment Update

Grade	# of sibling applicants	# of employee/ board applicants	# of other new student applicants (total and zone 1)	Total open seats following pre-enrollment
K	31	2	119 (70 Z1)	39
1 <sup>st</sup>	1	0	12 (4 Z1)	0
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1	0	16 (3 Z1)	1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	0	0	17 (4 Z1)	1
4 <sup>th</sup>	1	0	8 (3 Z1)	0
5 <sup>th</sup>	1	0	6 (1 Z1)	0
6 <sup>th</sup>	4	0	15 (8 Z1)	3
7 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	1 (0 Z1)	0
8 <sup>th</sup>	5	0	7 (4 Z1)	0

# 2014–15 SY Enrollment Update

- ▶ Public lottery scheduled for 3/27 at 6:00 PM at elementary campus
- ▶ Lottery numbers will be pulled by outside representative from the Georgia Charter Schools Association
- ▶ All new student applications submitted after 3/10 will be placed on wait list following lottery

# 2013 CCRPI Update

- ▶ Georgia's new "College and Career Readiness Performance Index" scores (see December board report for overview) continues to be delayed:
  - Recalculating 2012 scores for comparison to 2013 scores
  - Change in calculation guidelines by DOE in December 2013
  - Errors in reporting and calculations uncovered by many schools, including ANCS
- ▶ 2013 score reports were slated to be released in January, then delayed to February, now delayed again
- ▶ Unclear when exactly score reports will be released and if and how reporting and calculation errors are being addressed



# 2014 Georgia Legislative Session

- ▶ GCSA coordinated ANCS leadership visit to Capitol to discuss various active educational policy issues with legislators:
  - CCRPI
  - Teacher and Leader Keys
  - Weighted student lottery

# 2014 Georgia Legislative Session

- ▶ Also monitoring several bills with impact on charter schools:
  - [HB 405](#): would require members of governing boards of nonprofit organizations which are charter petitioners, charter schools, and state charter schools to participate in governance training – *active and likely to pass*
  - [HB 680](#): would allow a local district to *remove local funding* from locally approved charter school to offset unfunded district pension costs – *no longer active*
  - [HB 886](#): would call for each local board of education and each charter school shall hold at least two public hearings on the proposed budget; to provide that each proposed budget and each adopted budget shall be posted on the Internet – *active and likely to pass*

# 2014 Georgia Legislative Session

- ▶ Also monitoring several bills with impact on charter schools:
  - [HB 897](#): annual clean up of Title 20 of Georgia Code – *active and likely to pass but with some revisions*. Specific important language related to locally-approved charter schools currently included:
    - Entitles SBOE to establish a replication petition process for high performing charter schools
    - Requires additional assurances of quality from all charter school authorizers
    - Redefines "unused facility" as any surplus or excess property owned by a school district that could be used for schools

# APS Charter Schools Task Force

- ▶ Stated goals of task force are:
  1. Identify and exchange policy/programmatic academic best practices between charter and traditional APS schools.
  2. Identify economies of scale to ensure the financial stability of APS charter and traditional schools.
  3. To think strategically and collaboratively about the future of charter schools in APS.

# APS Charter Schools Task Force

- ▶ Individuals invited to join task force:
  - APS BOE member Byron Amos – Task Force Chair
  - APS BOE member Leslie Grant
  - Dr. Cynthia Kuhlman, Chairperson of Drew Charter School
  - Abby Martin, Grady cluster parent
  - David Jernigan, Executive Director of KIPP Metro Atlanta
  - Matt Underwood, Executive Director of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School
  - Kelly Cadman, VP of School Services at the Georgia Charter Schools Association
  - Allen Mueller, APS Executive Director of Innovation
  - Chuck Burbridge, APS CFO
  - David White, APS East Region Executive Director
  
- ▶ APS charter schools task force held first meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>
  
- ▶ Recap of first meeting can be accessed [here](#)

# Business Operations Dashboard

Finance “Big Rocks”	Operations “Big Rocks”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pension Funding resolution (Q4 2013)</li> <li>✓ Established cash reserve (Q1 2014)</li> <li>❑ FY15 Budgeting Model (Q1 2014)</li> <li>❑ Refinancing Plan for MC (Q2 2014)</li> <li>❑ Policy Manual Updates (Ongoing)</li> <li>❑ Fixed Asset Audit (Q2 2014)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Building Service Request System (Q1 2014)</li> <li>✓ Virtual File Cabinet (Q1 2014)</li> <li>❑ Technology Plan (Q2 2014)</li> <li>❑ Policy Manual Updates (Ongoing)</li> <li>❑ Building &amp; Grounds Plan for MC (Q2 2014)</li> </ul>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Completed</li> <li>❑ In Progress</li> <li>❑ Not Started</li> </ul> </div>	
<b>Operating Cash (Checking + MMA)</b> <small>(as of 2/28/14)</small>	<b>\$889K</b>
<b>Cash Reserve</b> <small>(Cash + Investments as of 2/28/14)</small>	<b>\$656K</b>
<b>Line of Credit</b> <small>(as of 2/28/14)</small>	<b>\$0K</b>
<b># Students</b> <small>(as of 2/28/14)</small>	<b>669</b>
<b>YTD Operation Income or (Loss )</b> <small>(as of 2/28/14)</small>	<b>\$586K</b>

# Business Operations Report

- ▶ YTD Financials through 2/28/14
  - Profit and Loss Statement (see statement)
  - Cash flow Statement (see statement)
- ▶ FY14 APS Allocation
  - Current APS allocation reflects 669 FTEs update allocation started in December
  - FY14 APS Funding for ANCS @ ~\$9,120 per FTE
- ▶ Other highlights
  - Continuing FY15 Budgeting Process (see [slide](#))
  - Building & Grounds Plan “In Development”
  - Meetings with Self Help “In Progress” and working toward a GFE for refinance
  - Technology subcommittee Meeting completed
  - Office hours established in April / May to work through finalized budget
  - Budgeting process documentation will be delivered in May

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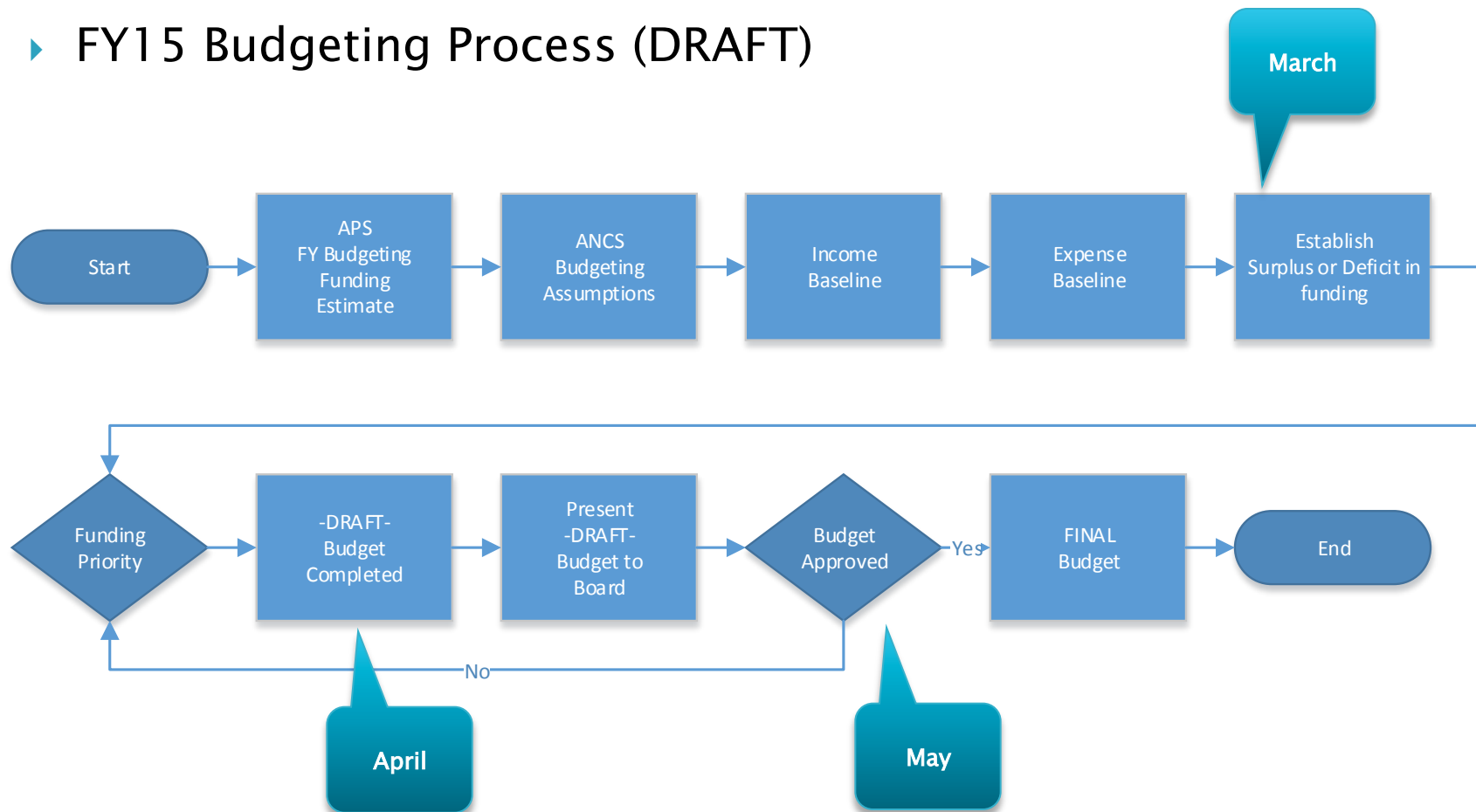
## ▶ FY15 Budgeting Assumptions (–DRAFT– Updated in March)

- Budget will be balanced for FY15
- APS Allocation (State & Local) funding levels will **increase** 7% for Local revenue
- APS Allocation (State & Local) funding levels will **increase** 1% for State revenue (QBE)
- Title 1 funding for middle campus will be grandfathered for FY15
- Enrollment will remain the same at the elementary & middle campuses
- NTRP Program funding will end in FY14 with 25K of carry funding moving into FY15
- Refinance of the middle campus will incorporate building & grounds improvement funding of \$500K to be spent over 24–36 months
- No programming changes planned
- Break-even activities – Aftercare, field trips, athletics
- No catering/supplemental lunch revenue
- Alignment of resources to support ANCS fund raising events (i.e. auction)
- Add: funding for yearly building & grounds improvements for both campuses
- Add: funding for technology updates for both campuses
- Add: cost of living raises will be incorporated into FY15 (TBD)
- Add: TRS employee rate 13.15% for FY15 up from 12.28% in FY14



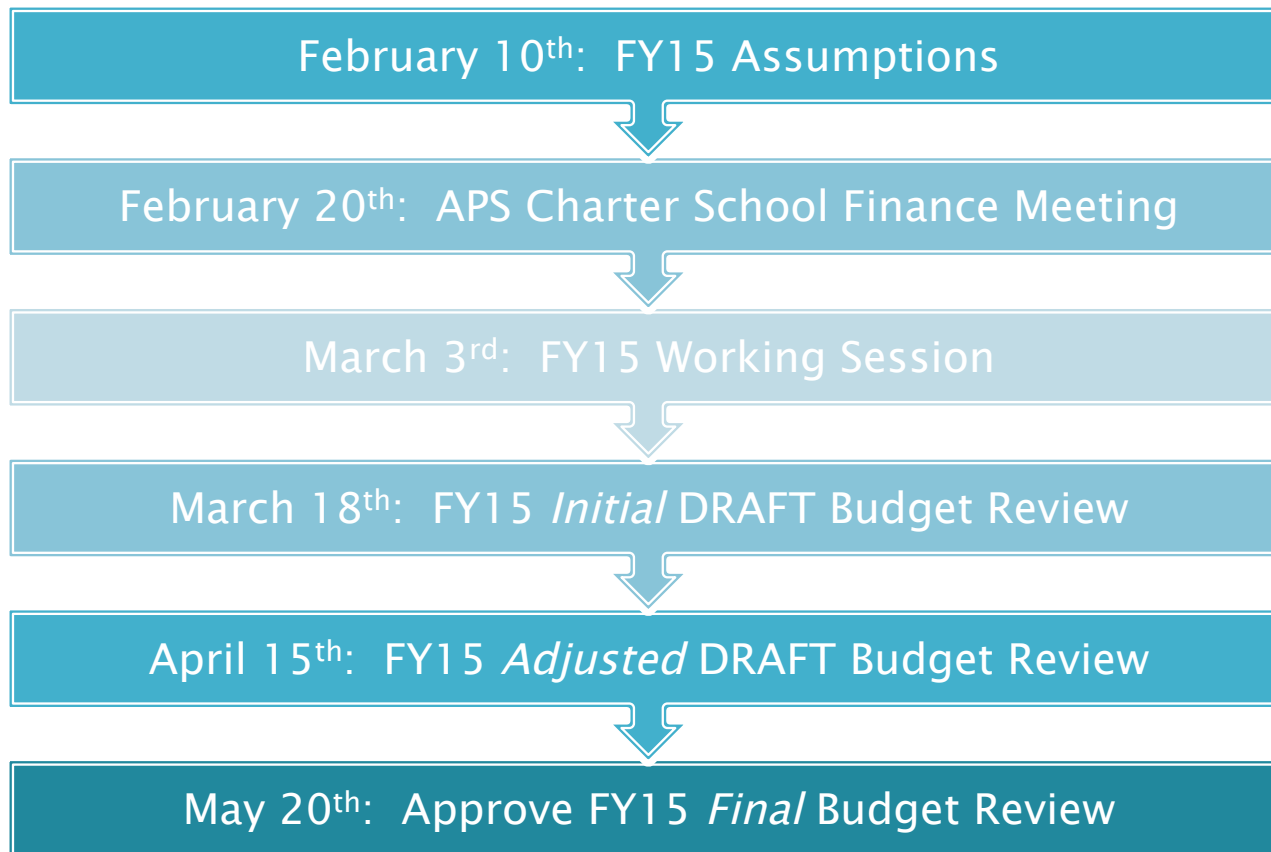
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## ► FY15 Budgeting Process (DRAFT)



# Business Operations Report

## ▶ FY15 Budgeting Timeline



# Fund Development

## *Informational Items*

- **Annual Campaign Report Update:**
- **Auction Recap**
  - Final numbers in progress: information will be reported at the next meeting or in the interim
  - Thank yous' in progress
- **Phone Campaign**
  - This will be ongoing until we have reached all families or until the end of the year (whichever happens first)
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Food Trucks for Fund Development: Middle Campus (tentative approval)
  - Principals Coffee at Middle Campus

# Personnel

- ▶ The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly review with Matt held 3/14 (Aug, Nov, Feb/Mar, May/June)
- ▶ Review and approval of contracts will take place in Executive Session
- ▶ The next round of student, staff and parent surveys go out this week with a focus on teaching and school leaders
- ▶ ANCS leaders have been participating in GCSA CharterLeader program
  - Lara Zelski in 2012–13; Susan Cannon and Elizabeth Hearn in 2013–14
  - Lara and Matt were asked to serve as mentor principals for program participants from other schools

