

## **ANCS Center for Collaborative Learning - Spring 2015 Update**

### **General activities of the center during 2014-15 SY**

Facilitated a range of workshops, ANCS school visits, and other activities for over 80 educators representing 11 different schools. Approximately \$2,800 in fees collected to offset the costs of these activities.

### **CREATE Teacher Residency Program update**

The program has launched in earnest over the past 4 months with the following highlights:

- 5 schools on board with CREATE project moving forward into 2015-16 school year
  - ANCS
  - Burgess Peterson
  - Toomer (FATE)
  - King Middle
  - Wesley International
- Team of teachers from ANCS, Wesley, and Toomer (FATE) traveled together to School Reform Initiative Winter Meeting in Tuscon, AZ in January
- Secured required private matching funds for grant (\$450,000 total)
- Submitted and have approved by Education Department detailed research plan
- 4 people for CREATE team going to Washington D.C. for annual i3 meeting at Education Department to learn with/from other grant awardees from around the country, some who direct teacher residency programs
- Have had 5 schools, GSU research team and an APS representative
  - at multiple planning meetings
  - for interview sessions to determine applicants for residency (35 applicants!)
  - weighing in on hiring new assistant program director
- Running two “critical friendship” summer institutes - total of 75 Jackson cluster educators will attend the 4-day training, mixing teams from different schools at each institute. Institute will be facilitated by critical friendship national facilitators, Elizabeth Hearn, and two ANCS teachers. In addition to CREATE schools, D.H. Stanton Elementary is also sending a team to an institute.
- Have 3 days of summer training planned for veteran educators of the CREATE schools who will be working with the incoming cohort of new teacher residents.
- In process: interviewing candidates for Assistant Program Director position.