

Education-New Models 9/25/06
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION WORKSHEET

I. List the Learning(s) that this recommendation is addressing:

1. Our schools do not do a good job of teaching our children living in poverty.
2. Many teachers, parents, and students have low academic expectations for children coming from poverty.
3. We need to do more to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers.
4. Focus on the children and why they are not achieving.

- **WRITE THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**** (limit focus to one subject or action item, more than one recommendation may be needed to address a particular learning):

To implement a Charter School Forum to introduce the charter school concept to the Athens community.

- **Identify any research, or other kinds of information that was used to craft this recommendation.** (add additional sheets as necessary)

1. Several members of the Education Committee visited charter schools in Atlanta (i.e. Drew Charter School, KIPP, and CEC). They were impressed with the models.

- **Identify additional research or information that could help clarify this committee recommendation. List potential sources if possible.**

1. Additional research needs to be done to determine pros and cons.
2. What are the ingredients for a successful school?

- **Indicate people or groups that we need to talk to help clarify this committee recommendation. List any recommended locations.**

1. We need to meet with the Charter school association.
2. We need to meet with representatives from ACC School System to get their thoughts.
3. We need to meet with parents and community leaders to get their input.

- **What kind of action or resources would be necessary to implement the recommendation?**

1. To conduct a forum we would need to develop a strategy and invite the appropriate representatives to discuss charter schools.
2. We would need to begin thinking about possible models we are interested in.
3. We would need to develop strategies for inviting the community.

- **Indicate what forces and influences are likely to occur that will support or oppose implementation. Forces that support (please list):**

1. Parents who are interested in new models would likely support.
2. Education reformers
3. Business people would likely support the concept.
4. Probably some teachers

Forces that oppose (please list):

1. The school system would likely oppose the idea at least initially.
2. District administration would likely oppose the idea.
3. Public school enthusiasts would likely oppose the idea.

****As information is received and/or clarified, these potential recommendations may change or be discarded.**

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1. A culture of low expectations and a lack of parental involvement negatively affect student achievement.

2. A good education is one of the major factors in helping to overcome poverty.

- WRITE THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION** (limit focus to one subject or action item, more than one recommendation may be needed to address a particular learning):

To develop a model to serve people in jail, including family involvement.

- Identify any research, or other kinds of information that was used to craft this recommendation. (add additional sheets as necessary)

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1. We need to find out the need for education programs in Prison.

2. We need to determine what percentage of the prison population retains employment for at least 6 months after getting out of jail.

3. We need to find out what type of job readiness programs/education programs are available in jail, and their effectiveness.

4. We need to find out the repeat offenders, and its relation to education level and employment.

- Indicate people or groups that we need to talk to help clarify this committee recommendation. List any recommended locations.

1. People who have been in jail.

2. People within the juvenile justice system.

3. Families with incarcerated family members.

- What kind of action or resources would be necessary to implement the recommendation?

- Indicate what forces and influences are likely to occur that will support or oppose implementation.

Forces that support (please list):

Prison families, social service providers, educators

Forces that oppose (please list):

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