November 8, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Stakeholders:

Parents and the community are critical to the success of students and schools. The A+ Education Reform Act of 2000 established school councils in Georgia to improve communication and participation of parents and the community in the management and operation of schools. School councils can make a difference by bringing communities and schools closer together in a spirit of cooperation to solve difficult education problems, improve academic achievement, provide support for teachers and administrators, and bring parents into the school-based decision-making process.

School councils are policy level advisory bodies. They represent the community of parents and businesses and are accountable to the constituents they serve. The mission of school councils is to focus on student achievement. School councils accomplish this mission by providing advice and recommendations to the school principal and, when appropriate, the superintendent and the local board of education on any matter related to student achievement and school improvement.

A number of parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school (excluding employees who are parents or guardians of such students), business partners, at least two certified teachers, and the principal make up the majority of the council. There are 3 officers of a school council: chairperson (must be a parent member), vice chairperson, and secretary. Each council member must serve two-year terms.

School council meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm on the following dates:

- **Thursday, December 2, 2021**
- **Thursday, February 3, 2022**
- **Thursday, April 14, 2022**
- **Thursday, May 5, 2022**

We are looking forward to collaborating with our parents and business partners in order to share ideas for school improvement. If you are interested in serving on our school council, or would like to nominate someone, please complete the nomination form on the CJH webpage by **Monday, November 22nd**. Elections will be held virtually on **Monday, November 29th**.

We hope to receive your nominations as well as have you participate in the election process. Thank you in advance for your commitment to helping make our school a great place to work, learn, and grow.

With Falcon Pride,

**Dr. Erica Wakefall**

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