Joint Budget Hearing

Chief Turnaround Office
January 22, 2020
Update on Chief Turnaround Office

• On Friday, January 24 the State Board of Education voted unanimously to:
  • Accept Dr. Eric Thomas’ resignation letter
  • Refer the Georgia DOE auditor’s report regarding the Chief Turnaround Office to Georgia’s Office of Inspector General for further investigation
  • Place Dr. Eric Thomas on administrative leave effective immediately
  • Appoint Dr. Stephanie Johnson, from DOE School Improvement, the acting Chief Turnaround Officer
Our Shared Belief:

Every child deserves an excellent education.

Every child deserves to attend a school that’s prepared to equip them for their future.

It is our greatest responsibility as a state to provide the service, support, and resources schools need to improve – so that all students can succeed.
13 Schools Currently Served by CTO

**Cohort I (December 2017)**

1. Alice Coachman Elementary, Dougherty County
2. Appling Middle, Appling County
3. Ballard-Hudson Middle, Bibb County
4. Clay County Elementary, Clay County
5. Clay County Middle, Clay County *(not Turnaround Eligible)*
6. Dooly County Elementary, Dooly County
7. Dooly County Middle, Dooly County *(not Turnaround Eligible)*
8. Dooly County High, Dooly County
9. Northside Elementary, Dougherty County
10. Radium Springs Middle, Dougherty County
11. Randolph-Clay Middle, Randolph County
12. Veterans Elementary, Bibb County

**Cohort II (December 2018)**

13. Cooper-Carver Elementary, Terrell County

**Cohort II – Withdrew (By Spring 2019)**

- Glenn Hills Elementary, Richmond County
- Glenn Hills Middle, Richmond County
- Glenn Hills High, Richmond County
- Hubert Middle, Chatham County
- Mercer Middle, Chatham County
- Murphey Middle, Richmond County
- Josey High, Richmond County
- W.S. Hornsby Middle, Richmond County
Taking Immediate Action

• Dr. Stephanie Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of School Improvement, appointed by SBOE to serve as interim Chief Turnaround Officer
• Proven turnaround leader as principal
• Offers immediate buy-in, credibility & respect from those in the field
Taking Immediate Action

• On-the-ground assessment
• Nationally recognized training for turnaround staff
• Get staff out of Atlanta and into struggling schools
• Establish a new Rapid Response Team
Access to School Improvement Resources & Supports

• School- and district-assigned coaches
• School Improvement Dashboard (accessible to schools and districts)
• Comprehensive school improvement plans
Number of Schools & Students Served

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CCRPI Comparison: 2018 to 2019

- CTO Cohort I (Began Dec. 2017): +1.9
- CTO Cohort II (Began Dec. 2018): +3.1
- CTO Both Cohorts: +2.4
- Turnaround Eligible Non-CTO (Served by GaDOE School Improvement Team; includes alternative schools): +5.7
Governor’s Budget Recommendation

• Eliminates duplication and redundancy, providing a clear, cohesive, and more efficient strategy for supporting Georgia’s lowest-performing schools

• Recognizes effectiveness, offering a better return on investment for the state
  • Schools working with DOE School Improvement had an average CCRPI increase double that of schools working with the Chief Turnaround Office