Student Assignment Meeting Summary
11/13/2024
Stone Mountain High School Library
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

- ✓ Welcome and Housekeeping
- ✓ Norms & Purpose/Non-Purpose Reminder
- ✓ Understand this session's goal
- ✓ Understand the shift
- ✓ Data Overview
- ✓ Team working sessions
- ✓ Share out
- ✓ What's next
- ✓ Complete exit ticket

Key Takeaways

Program Complexity: DCSD offers a vast array of specialized programs, but there's a need for better standardization, accessibility, and equitable access to those programs.

School Choice as a Right: There's a push for making school choice a right for all students, but with an emphasis on equity in how programs are accessed and how clear, standardized requirements are put in place.

Reimagining Program Structures: The reimagining process involves understanding current offerings, defining values, and using those values to prioritize program changes or adjustments. This will be an ongoing, iterative process.

Equity and Accessibility: Ensuring equitable access to programs, including transportation and clear program eligibility, has been a consistent theme throughout discussions.

Topics

School Choice and Program Equity

- School choice should be a right but with more equitable access.
- Standardization of program eligibility and clear communication of expectations.
- The school choice process needs to be more transparent and streamlined for families.

Program Offerings and Development

- A wide range of programs exists, but the need for better integration and understanding is critical.
- The gap between middle and high school offerings for certain programs (e.g., IB) requires attention.
- There's a need to address disparities in program access, especially for students with exceptional needs.

Learning from Data and Shaping Future Plans

- There will be continuous learning through data analysis and feedback loops.
- Values and priorities need to be established as a foundation for reimagining programs.
- The decision-making process will incorporate both current data and a forward-looking growth mindset.

Transportation and Access Challenges

- Transportation is a key limiting factor for equitable access to school choice programs.
  - Some programs offer transportation, others don't, contributing to inequalities in access.
- Need to consider transportation infrastructure when evaluating the feasibility of expanding school choice.

Next Steps

Review additional data posted to Google Drive and website.

Continue analyzing assigned data sets and brainstorming ideas, focusing on access, equity, and performance.

Central Committee's next meeting is scheduled for January 15.