# International Charter School of Atlanta

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## Welcome

Marisa Kashapov, ICSAtlanta Board Chair



# Agenda

- > 2018-2023 ICSAtlanta Strategic Plan Review
- Charter Renewal
- Vision for ICSAtlanta
- > Q & A



# **Academic Progress**

## 2018-2023 ICSAtlanta Strategic Plan

**ICSAtlanta Admin Staff:** 

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### Our Why

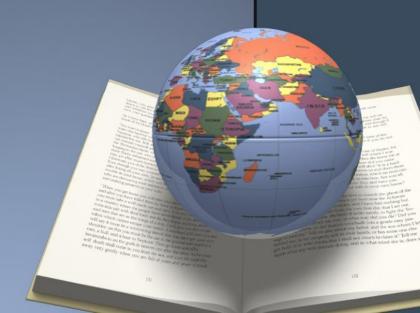
➤ We believe in nurturing students to become compassionate, lifelong learners who are committed to taking actions that will improve our world.

#### **Our Mission**

We strive to prepare students for a successful future by promoting academic excellence through rigorous instruction that includes multilingualism, cultural awareness, respect, and tolerance for others. We utilize both dual-language and cultural immersion to nurture student curiosity into compassion for others and a commitment to improve our world. Furthermore, we employ student-centered teaching to create actively engaged, lifelong learners

#### **Our Outcomes**

- Students will achieve bilingualism and biliteracy.
- Students will achieve the multicultural awareness necessary to participate in society as globallyminded citizens.
- Students will voluntarily take actions for the betterment of their communities and/or the world.



### **Goal 1: Modern Languages**

Provide research-based language instruction to produce bilingual and biliterate students.

#### **Strategies:**

- Evaluate and improve professional development opportunities in research-based language instruction. Increase opportunities for 3rd language enrichment.
- Utilize data to drive improvements in proficiency outcomes.

#### Goal 2: Culture & Community

Engage our stakeholders in multiple, culturally diverse, and community-enriching experiences

### Strategies:

Evaluate current school-wide community and cultural events to improve the experience for all stakeholders.

Review data from parent information sessions to facilitate increased parent involvement and to evaluate the need for additional and/or varied enrichment opportunities.

Increase student-led, cross-cultural education leading up to schoolwide and track-specific cultural events.



#### Goal 3: IB World School

Enhance and deliver our curriculum to align with the expectations of the IB Programmes.

#### **Strategies:**

- Implement learning supports necessary to allow students opportunities to take actions that will improve our school, community, or world.
- Take necessary operational steps to align our school's mission, philosophy, values, and curriculum with the IB Programmes.
- Engage all teachers in the professional development training necessary to implement inquiry-based teaching.

#### Goal 4: Equity & Inclusion

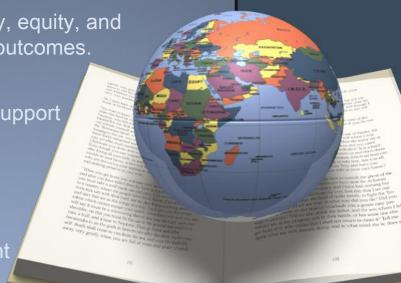
Strengthen our commitment to educational diversity, equity, and inclusion by supporting individual student learning outcomes.

#### **Strategies:**

Use data to identify students who need additional support in ELA and Math.

Evaluate and improve our RTI procedures to better support and identify at-risk students.

Review and increase in-school and out-of-school tutoring programs that support and enhance student achievement.



### **Goal 5: Operational Sustainability**

Improve the operational design and procedures necessary to increase student achievement and progress.

#### **Strategies:**

- Evaluate data and construct programs that encourage an increase in regular and sustained student attendance.
- Implement practices that increase quality teacher recruitment and retention.
- Increase grant writing and other fundraising activities to support student enrichment programs.

#### **Goal 6: Physical Environment**

Create 21st century educational spaces that facilitate collaboration and inquiry-based learning.

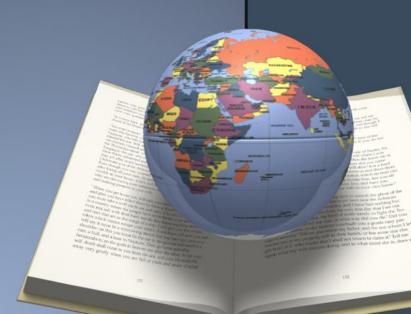
#### **Strategies:**

Analyze current usage of facility spaces to determine the improvements and components necessary to optimize learning and collaboration.

Acquire the technological and literary components necessary to support learning initiatives.

## **Charter Renewal**

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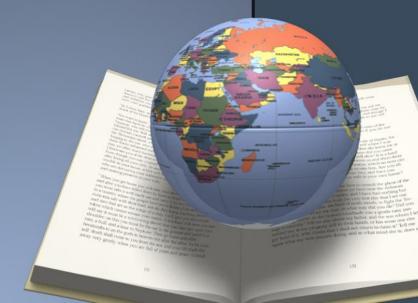
## **Application**

- Applicant Information: describes the mission, innovative features, attendance zone and provides the school an opportunity to request changes to its educational and/or operational programs if granted renewal
- Optional Narratives: identifies mitigating factors and efforts to remediate previously identified performance issues if the school did not meet academic, financial, operational performance standards as well as other pertinent information that may have effected school performance.
- Comprehensive Performance Framework identifies the school's academic, financial, and operational performance on the CPF during the first four ears of its charter contract

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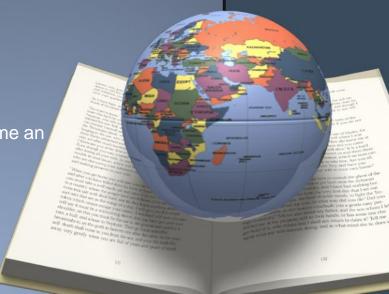
### Interview

- Schools that met standards academic, financial, and operational standards 75% of the time (3 out of the first four years of the contract term) are not required to participate in an interview)
- State Charter Schools Commission will contact ICSAtlanta Governing Board Chair and school administration to schedule interview



### **Future Vision for ICSAtlanta**

- Stay focused on priorities as outlined in our 2018-2023 strategic plan
- Continue our commitment to ensure cross-language track cultural enrichment, both in school and through community events, and possible international travel opportunities
- Continue to build the IB Programme
  - Become an authorized IB World School
    - > PYP Site Visit January 31st & February 1st 2019
    - MYP start looking into necessary steps to become an IB MYP School as well



## **Future Vision for ICSAtlanta**

- Continue to focus on meeting or exceeding the SCSC's Comprehensive Performance Framework
  - ➢ In order to do so and deliver a rigorous academic program within a financially sound budget, the ICSAtlanta Governing Board plans to recommend ICSAtlanta remain a K-8<sup>th</sup> grade school
  - Limit enrollment to ensure efficacy of immersion in higher elementary and middle school grades (open admissions only in grades K, 1, and 6)
- Evaluate opportunities to partner with international organizations and local high schools to bring additional services and opportunities to ICSAtlanta students
  - MOUs with local schools (Cobb County)

Q&A



## International Charter School of Atlanta

Many Languages, Many Cultures
One Community

Thank you, Gracias, Merci beaucoup, Dankeschön, 谢谢!

