

# Update: Educational Options Committee

June 25, 2013

Report to the Board of Education

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# Agenda

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# Goals

- Identify and analyze the current status of Alternative Education in the District
- Identify student needs being met and not being met; and propose solutions to student needs not being met
- Clarify the role(s) of MacGregor High School and make recommendations as appropriate

# Members

- Ted Barone, Principal - AHS
- Tami Benau, Assistant Principal - AHS
- Marsha Brown, Director III – Student Services
- Becca Burns, Counselor – AHS
- Allan Maris, Member, Board of Education
- Peter Parenti, Principal – AMS
- Diane Peterson, Counselor – MacGregor
- Alexia Ritchie, Principal – MacGregor
- Ron Rosenbaum, Member, Board of Education



# Meetings

- 2011-12, 6 meetings
  - October 24
  - December 16
  - February 6
  - March 9
  - April 19
  - May 18
- 2012-13, 5 meetings
  - October 19
  - December 7
  - February 15
  - May 3
  - June 10

# Highlights

- Identified current alternative education programs (also called educational options) (October 2011)
- Identified current student needs being addressed (October 2011)
- Identified variety of student needs and whether being met well or not being met well (October 2011)
- Developed an Educational Options philosophy (February 2012)
- Reviewed surrounding alternative education programs (December 2012)



# Highlights, cont'd

- Independent Study
  - Developed Board Policy (adopted February 7, 2012)
  - Developed Administrative Regulation (May 2012)
  - Ongoing discussion regarding
    - Enrollment
    - Eligibility
    - Purpose
    - Communication
    - Referral
    - Guidelines
    - Funding
    - Teacher credentialing

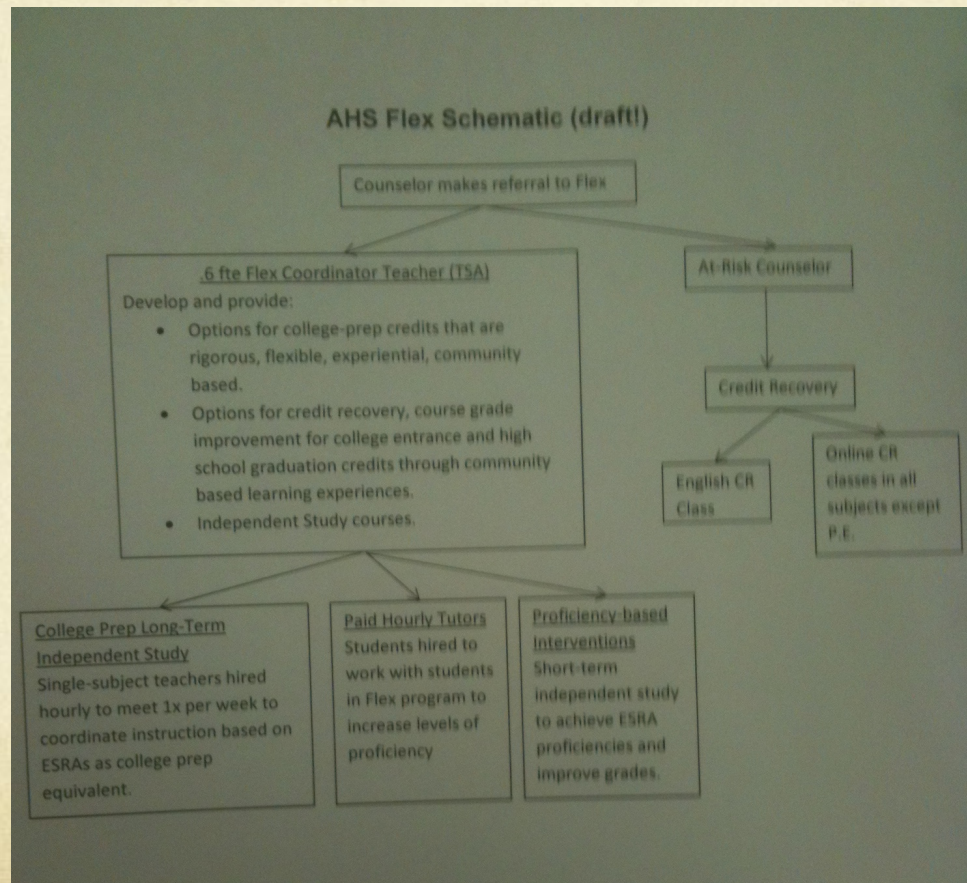
# MacGregor

- Recommended and implemented an increasingly blended program with AHS
  - Developed guidelines for “dual” enrollment March 2012)
  - Philosophically agreed to blend MacGregor and AHS (May 2012); with planning could implement for 13 -14 school year
  - Reviewed progress regularly
- Recommended that MacGregor be fully blended with AHS effective 2014-15 school year (May 2013)



# AHS Flex Program

Developed AHS Flex program (May 2013)



# MacGregor, cont'd

- 2013 budget and staffing considerations
  - Promotion of Alexia
  - Reduction in number of students needing a full-time credit recovery program
  - Budget concerns
- Exploration of moving up timeline: Doable? Meet student needs? Scheduling? Facilities? Staff? Student engagement? Concerns?
- Committee reviewed staff work June 10, 2013



# MacGregor

- Staff is recommending that MacGregor (continuation high school/credit recovery) services move to AHS for the 2013-14 school year
- This move will be evaluated mid-year (January 2014), and a recommendation regarding maintaining MacGregor as a separate school (or not) will be made to the Board of Education (February 2014)