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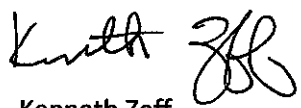Dear Northwood Elementary School Governance Council,

Congratulations on successfully completing the necessary requirements for Fulton County Schools' School Governance Council certification; all of your members have attended governance training and completed their background checks. You have the opportunity to positively impact your school and community in this new era of increased flexibility by helping shape the strategic direction of the school. You will work hand-in-hand with the principal to develop strategic plans, consider best uses of resources, and design innovative practices that align with school needs.   Your Council may now begin to fulfill the following responsibilities:
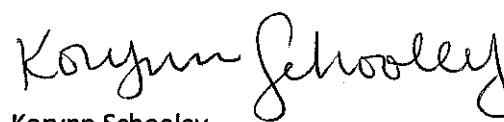
a.) Approve the school strategic plan and updates
b.) Approve the annual budget (beginning 2015-16 school year)
c.) Interface with the school's Title I Committee (if applicable)
d.) Manage the Request for Flexibility process
e.) Participate in the hiring of the principal, in the case of a vacancy
f.) Provide annual feedback on principal performance (beginning 2015-16 school year)

Your Council certification is valid through June 30, 2016. Please review the School Governance Handbook for information on maintaining Council certification and notify us if you experience any changes in Council membership.

As you begin your work as a Council, it is important to remember the information learned in your School Governance Council training and included in your School Governance Handbook and Guidance.   Our staff is available to assist you with any governance issues. Please don't hesitate to contact us at schoolgovernance@fultonschools.org or 470-254-3604.

Thank you for your service. Together we can make a meaningful difference for all students.

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