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Dear North Springs community:

Fulton County Schools recently concluded its engagement process for the North Springs High School addition/renovation project with a presentation by Christian Long, founding partner of the visioning firm, Wonder, by Design. He shared themes identified through several months of site visits, shadowing observations and surveys as well as via workshops with students, educators, parents, members of our School Governance Council and the community.

Through the process, Long captured hundreds of candid comments focused on a vision of what North Springs students will encounter 10 years from now. He organized these into three themes:

- What should North Springs keep as a priority - ('What should we hold onto')?
- What should be changed - ('What should we let go of')?
- What should be added?

Common “hold onto” themes included keeping strong relationships between students, teachers and the community; collaboration with others; innovative technology use; and educational offerings that prepare students for the real world. Items some participants suggested being “let go” included rigid mindsets and schedules, inflexible classroom and school space design. Things that members of the groups felt should be added were opportunities for more unstructured time and ‘brain rest,’ flexible school furnishings, spaces that inspire creativity and real-life connection and more partnerships with corporations, academic institutions and local municipalities.

Long shared several “How Might We?” questions. These included:

- How can teachers and students work differently with their peers?
- How can students and faculty explore the future of work/careers/vocations?
- How can collaboration with the community be enhanced?
- How can diversity, equity and inclusion be expanded?

The questions also included some “spatial possibilities” that will help the project architect, CDH Partners, as they prepare design concepts for our school. Next week, Christian Long will return to North Springs and meet with members of our leadership, the School Governance Council and several students and staff. Long will obtain feedback about the information delivered at the March 8th meeting and compare it to the preliminary design concept being developed. The Fulton County Board of Education is

expected to review a potential preliminary design concept from CDH Partners in April, two months earlier than the original schedule.

Information related to this SPLOST project is available here (<http://www.fultonschools.org/en/SPLOST/Pages/North-Springs-High.aspx>), including the full presentation from the March 8th community meeting (LINK). http://www.fultonschools.org/en/SPLOST/Documents/March8_18_NorthSprings_meeting.pdf.

Our School Governance Council and administrative team will keep you posted about next steps in our visioning process. Please feel free to contact members of our School Governance Council with questions. You can find everyone's emails on our SGC website. <http://school.fultonschools.org/hs/northsprings/Pages/School-Governance-Council.aspx> .

Sincerely,
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