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The Northview School Governance Council has been working on a new Request for Flexibility (RFF) proposal and is in the process of submitting it for the upcoming school year. This request, if approved by the Superintendent, will address the needs of Northview High School through waivers of state laws and/or district policies to implement a school-based strategy.

The Northview SGC has developed one new RFF proposal and is requesting renewal of a second RFF:

RFF 1: Professional Development Days (new RFF proposal)

The flexibility that we seek is to have three professional days where students do not attend school, to allow time for the Northview staff to receive special training and professional development. This time will be devoted to focusing on our literacy initiative to help all students with literacy skills across all content areas of the school. These days will be in addition to any other county-established professional days, and they will be aligned with our feeder schools' additional professional development days, as well.

RFF 2: Teacher Certification (renewal RFF proposal)

This RFF was approved initially for two years, and now that we are nearing the end of that period, we are requesting now to renew that RFF. The flexibility that we seek is to waive small portions of the teacher certification requirements as stipulated by the state and county to allow us to hire staffing that best fits the needs of high-interest or high-need staffing areas. We have used this initial RFF to hire a Chinese teacher and a Health Sciences teacher, and both programs have seen growth in enrollment since that staffing.

The complete proposals, the School Strategic Plan Overview and Strategic Plan Narrative can be found at <http://school.fultonschools.org/hs/northview/Pages/SchoolGovernanceCouncil.aspx>

The first part of this process is to obtain comment from the public (our school community) for at least 30 days.

Starting today, you may submit your comments and or questions in several different ways.

- Public Comment Box found in the Front Office
- Electronic Comment Box: <https://goo.gl/forms/A7Cq86y1EzWm88j12>
- **Public Comment Meeting – Thursday, December 1, 3:45-4:05 p.m. Northview HS Media Center.** Citizens will sign up to speak at that meeting at the door. Sign up is first-come, first-served. Citizens will be limited to 2 minutes to make their public comment and will give their comments in the order in which they have signed up.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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