

## Principal Report

**September 2024**

### **Enrollment**

Enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year is currently 377.

Attendance for first 4 weeks of school 98%

### **Charter Obligations**

During the monthly meeting of the State Charter School Commission (SCSC) the state charter schools were listed on a performance matrix. Our current numbers are within acceptable ranges in our financial measurements:

Current assets divided by current liabilities	Exceeds Standard – 27.59 (1.0 to 3.0 Meets)
Unrestricted Cash	Exceeds Standard – 188 days (Greater than 75)
Efficiency Margin	Exceeds Standard – 110% (10% or Greater)
Debt to Asset ratio	Exceeds Standard – 10 % (Below 25%)

### **Apalachee High School Incident**

On September 4<sup>th</sup> 2024, 14 year old Colt Gray returned to his classroom with a semi-automatic rifle and the students would not give him access. He selected several students and others in the hall and began shooting. Two students and two adults were killed. 9 others were injured. SRO's engaged the shooter and he gave up with no additional shots fired. We were notified of the incident by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation

That evening Mr. Hooper reached out to our parents with the following message:

As we all wrestle to understand the events which occurred at Apalachee High School today, it makes good sense to cherish family and the time we have together. Those who wish to keep their children home from school tomorrow will not be penalized for doing so.

Administration Odyssey Charter School

Over 100 Odyssey Charter School families kept their children home on Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2024.

The attached letters went out to our parents on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Sheriff on Campus**

On Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> a Sheriff from the Coweta County was on campus to support the safety of our school. The Situation Report which followed the Apalachee High shooting warned of “Copy-Cat” incidents and an increase in violence and threats. Having an officer on campus seem to be a prudent opportunity. Gwinnett County Schools had over 200 threats and made 20 arrest.

### **Sheriff Performing Security on Campus**

Odyssey Charter School has worked in conjunction with the Sheriff’s office going back to 2015. Not only did we have sheriffs on campus, they were teachers of a program for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders called S.A.F.E. This was a drug and alcohol awareness program taught on every Tuesday for several years. State law O.C.G.A. § 20-8-5 empowers law enforcement to carry duty weapons on school campuses and School Board Policy NN (see package) details who can and can-not bring weapons on school property. The photo on attachment (5) is Major Crook of the Coweta County Sheriff’s office awarding diplomas to the fifth grades who completed the S.A.F.E. program.

Current policy is built around an armed law enforcement officer on campus. Current policy NN can be changed with a majority vote.