Student Voice, Straight Talk, and a Culture of Hope

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Georgia’s Education Innovation of the Year

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Building a Culture of Hope

Enriching Schools with Optimism and Opportunity

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It all begins with Trust
Re-structuring and Mindshift:
Creating the GMSSC to match student and family needs with services

1. Build Trust
2. Identify Needs—establishes priorities
3. Identify Resources—public and private
4. Establish Partnerships
5. Identify Funding Sources
6. Create your Structure—location, staff, processes
7. Connect Students and Families with Services
Listening First & Confronting Reality: Engaging Student Voice

Graduation Stories
&
Aging-out Interviews

What we learned:

Barriers are the same, the difference is **Resiliency**
HOPE & OPTIMISM
BELONGING
Graduate Marietta Student Success Center: A Virtual Tour
CONSOLIDATED FUNDING MODEL

District Funding = 44%
  Pre-existing/repurposed (31%)
  New (13%)

External Funding = 56%

Total Budget = $3,409,546
Academic Support Center
Behavioral Support Center
Community Support Center
Educational Innovation of the Year

- Staff Composition
- Return on Investment
- Graduation Rates are going up