

Board Members,

I only have three minutes and will keep my remarks aligned with the bulletized comments below

- I have served on the Redistricting Committee which from a project manager point of view had some scheduling dependencies that were not conducive to the decisions you are faced with, namely budget approval and the actual number of students affected by the policies that most families are seeking (e.g. grandfathering).
- My personal experience with Core Knowledge happened in concert with me learning Lyles-Crouch earned a School of Distinction honor and my son telling me about irrigation techniques ancient Egyptians used to draw water from the Nile. That got me more vested in his matriculation and volunteering at the school so I could experience his development beyond homework and our conversations about school. Also they are in less than the top 1% of all 1260 schools.
- Lastly is policy and the removal of Core Knowledge specific verbiage. I would charge you all to look at this carefully. This has implications for funding and secondary and tertiary effects if not specifically called out. Most of you walked into your positions with decisions to make that you were not vested in. The same will be true for your predecessors and the new fight that 411 families will have to undergo if these changes adversely affect us.

Regards,

Craig Gary



Lyles-Crouch was awarded the designation after demonstrating its success through a series of curriculum planning documents and undergoing a series of inspection visits by Core Knowledge experts. Schools hoping to achieve the designation have to follow an implementation plan and professional development plan created in collaboration with the Core Knowledge Foundation. The distinction usually takes three years to complete.

"As a school division focused on high performance, I want to congratulate Lyles-Crouch for the hard work they have put into achieving this distinction," said Superintendent Alvin L. Crawley.

The honor remains with the school for five years, after which Lyles-Crouch will have to reapply for the designation. Lyles-Crouch will now serve as a Core Knowledge visitation site for schools wanting to become Core Knowledge schools or wanting to become Schools of Distinction themselves. A full list of Core Knowledge of Distinction Schools is available at Core Knowledge Foundation.

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