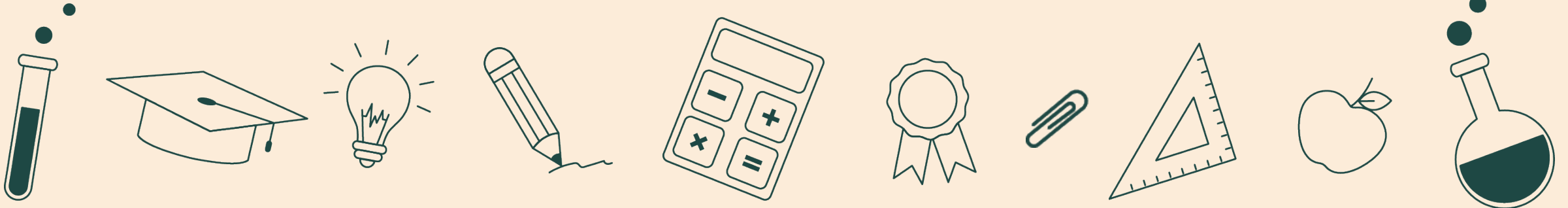




General Information and Updates

SCSC Governance Training

Donovan Head– Executive Director



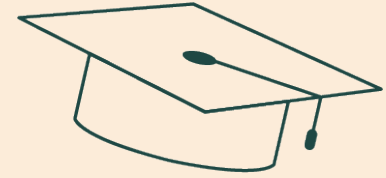
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Welcome & SCSC Updates

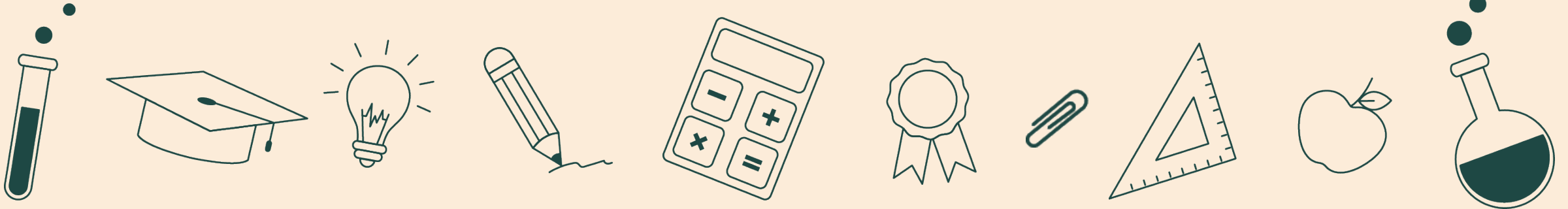


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SCSC Overview





History

The State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia was established via constitutional referendum in 2012. The purpose of the SCSC is to provide an avenue for additional public-school choices through quality charter schools, either when a local board of education denies a petition for a charter school, or when a group desires to serve a broad geographic attendance zone.



Mission



The mission of the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia is to improve public education by authorizing high quality charter schools that provide students with better educational opportunities than they would otherwise receive in traditional district schools.



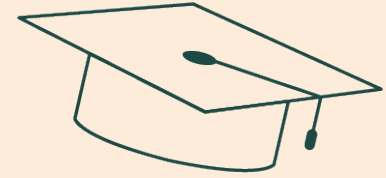
Vision



The vision of the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia is advancing education through *innovative* and *superior charter schools in every community*.



SCSC Role



- Authorize High Quality Charter Schools
- Extend Autonomy and Provide Support
- Uphold Accountability in the areas of Academics, Operations, and Finances



SCSC Staff



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Robert Watts, Facilities and Assets Manager

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State Charter Schools Foundation

Michele Neely, State Charter Schools Foundation President



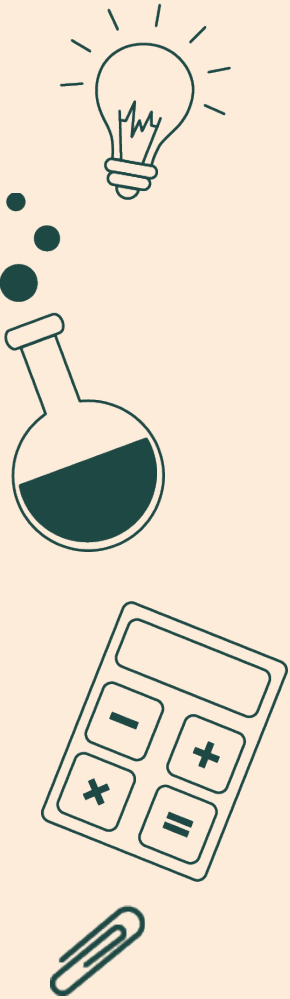
State Charter Schools

The SCSC oversees 51 operational schools serving approximately 38,000 students all over the state of Georgia.

Our portfolio of schools:

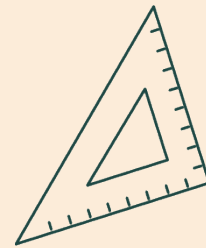
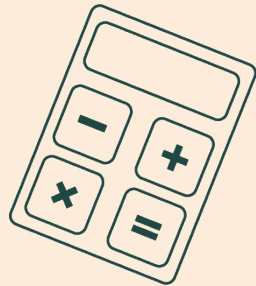
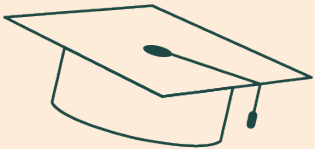
- Statewide virtual schools
- Project-Based Learning
- STEM/ STEAM
- Classical Learning
- Language Immersion

Georgia is known nationally for the diverse and wide array of homegrown, community-based charter schools in our state.





Governance Training



State Charter School Governing Boards



Charter school governing boards hold the charter school contract with the SCSC.

The board is responsible for the academic, operational and financial performance of the school.

The board must be familiar with the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework.



Governance Training Requirement



All state charter school governing board members are required to receive annual governance training.

Two Options:

- SCSC Training (no charge)
- State Board of Education-approved training provider (contract on your own)



Governance Training Requirement



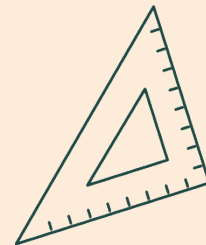
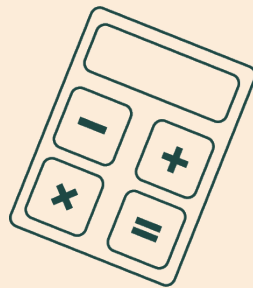
For the 2023-24 school year, the SCSC will offer three Governance Training opportunities.

- **A one-day, in-person session – 6 credit hours** (*you are here now*)
 - November 8, 2023 – Macon, GA
 - February 6, 2024 – Athens, GA
 - April 17, 2024 – Atlanta, GA
- **Online, asynchronous sessions – 6 credit hours**
 - Training content will be sent out following this training and will be posted on the SCSC website
 - Virtual content will be available to all board members through April 30, 2024



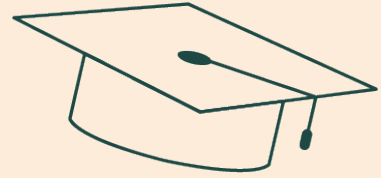


SCSC Updates



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SCSC Strategic Plan



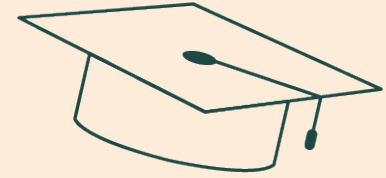
Fulfilling the SCSC vision: *Innovative* and *superior* charter schools advancing education *in every community*.

Strategic Plan Objectives:

- Increase charter school choice in communities with few or no options.
- Expand high-quality middle and high charter school choice.
- Increase the number of academically superior state charter schools.
- Promote pre-opening success for approved state charter schools.
- Empower all state charter schools to leverage autonomy, flexibility, and resources to meet the needs of their communities.
- Develop and maintain a strong internal foundation that aligns with and supports the SCSC's mission and vision.



Replication and Expansion Support



The State Charter Schools Foundation (SCSF) in partnership with the SCSC launched the Strategic Charter Schools Growth Initiative. The Initiative aims to support petitioners in launching, replicating and expanding high performing charter schools. A federal Charter Schools Program grant will support the continuation of the Initiative.

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Strategic Charter School Growth Initiative

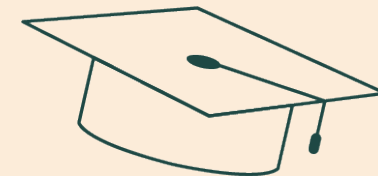
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Proposed Rules and New Policy

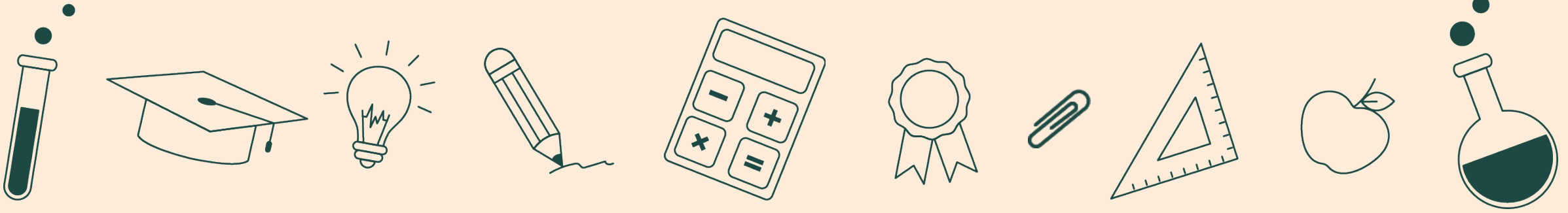


The SCSC board introduced new rules and a new policy at the January 2023 board meeting and voted to approve the rules at the March 2023 meeting.

- Rule: State Charter School Sites & Facilities
- Rule: Probation & Suspension
- Policy: State Charter School Communication to the SCSC

More information regarding the updated rules can be found here:
<https://scsc.georgia.gov/chapter-691-2-practice-and-procedure>





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