



Consideration of Closure for the Turnaround Option Plan for Carter G. Woodson Elementary School in Duval County

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Closure Requirements

1. Ensure that the students from the closed school are assigned to school(s) with a grade of “C” or higher;
2. Ensure that students from the closed school are not assigned to instructional personnel who are rated as Unsatisfactory or Needs Improvement based upon both the three-year aggregated state VAM ratings, if applicable, and the district evaluation system;
3. Ensure that the district will monitor for three (3) school years on a quarterly basis the following: student attendance, grade and progress monitoring data, the type of intervention and instruction provided to students to address deficiencies (if applicable), as well as all instructional personnel assigned to the students and their state VAM rating;
4. Ensure that for instructional personnel from the closed school who are rated as Unsatisfactory or Needs Improvement based upon the three-year aggregated state VAM ratings are not reassigned to other SI schools within the district;
5. Ensure that administrators from the closed school are not reassigned to other SI schools within the district for the upcoming school year; and
6. Ensure that instructional personnel from the closed school who are rated as Unsatisfactory or Needs Improvement are not assigned to:
 1. A high school or middle school student who was taught by a classroom teacher rated as Unsatisfactory or Needs Improvement based on the three-year aggregated state VAM rating for the previous school year in the same subject area.
 2. An elementary student who was taught by a classroom teacher rated as Unsatisfactory or Needs Improvement based on the three-year aggregated state VAM rating for the previous school year.

Carter G. Woodson Elementary School

- Duval County School District is requesting a new Turnaround Option Plan (TOP) for the Closure of Carter G. Woodson Elementary School.
 - Plan is for students to be reassigned to Northwestern Legends Elementary School (which utilizes the MSID# of St. Clair Evans Academy).
 - The physical location is the newly renovated building that previously housed Northwestern Middle School (SBE approval of closure, July 2020).
- Duval's original plan was to merge two schools (St. Clair Evans Academy & Carter G. Woodson Elementary School) into one school at the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- In the absence of 2020 school grades this was not possible due to Carter G. Woodson Elementary School maintaining turnaround status.

Carter G. Woodson Elementary School

- Number of students (based on current enrollment reported by the district as of October 2020):

Total – 291 students

- Kindergarten – 44 students
- First Grade – 47 students
- Second Grade – 69 students
- Third Grade – 39 students
- Fourth Grade – 52 students
- Fifth Grade – 40 students

Transition to Northwestern Legends Elementary School

- Same principal since 2015, who helped move school from D to B.
- 75% of the teachers with state VAM scores are rated as Highly Effective or Effective.

Intense Support for Students Transitioning to Northwestern Legends Elementary School

- TSSSA positions are being funded by the district and move with the students to Northwestern Legends.
- UniSIG positions and funding for professional development, along with all materials and equipment purchased with those funds, will move over to support the teachers and students.
- School tours are scheduled for transitioning faculty and staff during the month of November.
- School tours are scheduled for parents and families of transitioning students during December. These will be held both during the week in the late afternoon as well as on a Saturday.
- Meet and Greet times for families to meet with leadership teams are being set up for the month of December.

Intense Support for Students Transitioning to Northwestern Legends Elementary School

- Region level reading, math and science content specialists to support teachers during common planning and targeted students in small groups will be provided two days a week each.
- City Year tutors will serve the bottom 35% students from Carter G. Woodson both during and after school.
- AmeriCorps will provide small group literacy support to select Carter G. Woodson students daily.
- “I’m A Star” mentors are assigned to work with select Carter G. Woodson students.
- Achievers for Life will provide parent advocacy services to Carter G. Woodson (wrap-around services).
- Team Up After School Care & Tutoring will continue for all students currently in the program at Carter G. Woodson.

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