

# **Emergency Substitute Rate Incentive SY2020-2021**

#### **Current Substitute Issue:**

The COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to regular absence reasons, has increased the number of teacher absences to about 6-7 a day in many of our schools. Such has caused a significant increase in the demand for substitutes, at a time when many substitutes (who are retired and older) are not willing to take a substitute assignment due COVID-19 concerns. This is a national problem for many open school districts...and very evident in the open Atlanta metro districts, whom FCS competes with for substitute personnel.

## **Treatments:**

|  | Establish an <u>emergency</u> substitute dai | y rate incentive that is temporary and, | thus, will expire as of May 31, 2021 |
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- If occurs, pay a quarantined substitute (teacher) an \$75 flat daily rate during the quarantine period...(not reoccurring)
- ☐ Increase the maximum number of substitute workdays per month from 17 to 20
- ☐ Increase advertisement for substitutes on metro area radio, signage, social media
- ☐ Consider a third-party vender as another source for substitutes

## **Emergency Substitute Rate Incentive**

|                                    | Base<br>Rate | Emergency<br>Incentive<br>Amount | Total Daily<br>Rate |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Substitute<br>Para/Clinic/Clerical | \$80         | \$20                             | \$100               |
| Substitute<br>Teacher Daily        | \$100        | \$75                             | \$175               |
| Substitute<br>Teacher Long-Term    | \$120        | \$80                             | \$200               |

#### Projected FY21 Budget Impact

FY21 Substitute Budget: \$8M......Current Balance: \$7M

| Current<br>Total Jobs<br>Sub<br>Required<br>Average | Current<br>Daily Sub<br>Jobs Filled<br>Average | Daily Sub<br>Jobs Filled<br>Average<br>Increase<br>Target | Daily Sub<br>Jobs Filled<br>Average<br>Increase<br>Total | Emergency<br>Rate<br>Increase<br>Average |
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| 685   | 308<br>(45%)                                   | 171<br>(25%)  | 479  | \$158                                    |

479 x 100 Days x \$158 = **\$7.6M Adjustment to FY21 Budget = \$600K**