



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Proposed Behavior Supports Program

Q Where can I find the presentation presented at the Public Information Session on May 30, 2019?

A You can access the presentation here:
<https://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us/CMS/File/9c289132-4ed5-4946-9050-0c85002c82af>

Q Are the proposed services being offered limited to only EBD students or are other populations with autism, ADHD, etc. also being served?

A The proposed services will be determined according to each student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Q What about the general special education student population? How will they be served?

A All special needs populations can be served by this proposed program, depending upon the IEP.

Q How was ChanceLight selected as the educational partner?

A ChanceLight was selected after a series of meeting with a stakeholders committee which included parents, advocates, school administrators, and the Program for Exceptional Students' staff. Live meetings and site visits were conducted to see the implementation of a similar continuum of services.

Q Where is the funding for the partnership with ChanceLight coming from?

A The general fund, pending Board approval.



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Q What is the additional cost for administration?

A \$116,042 for a lead Board-Certified Behavior Analyst.

Q Is the pay scale for the personnel contracted by ChanceLight the same as MCSD's pay scale?

A MCSD's pay scale is aligned with State requirements; ChanceLight does not have the restrictions in those requirements. They can offer more flexible, a la carte style benefits.

Q How is ChanceLight able to find the necessary personnel?

A The proposed educational partner has a staff of 30 recruiting professionals that focuses on attracting talent in this specific field nationwide.

Q How will we ensure the ChanceLight employees are fully vetted to avoid safety concerns for our students?

A We will uphold the same standards required of every certified professional candidate in the District. We will conduct background checks as we normally do. All ChanceLight employees will operate under a structure where they report to us. We will have full access and rights to monitor at all levels.

Q After three years, if we choose to hire the ChanceLight staff, what is the process and cost to us?

A The cost to us would include the normal expenses for staff. We will begin assessing the program during years one and two to determine its efficacy.



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Q At which schools will the program be located?

A We will continue to serve the current schools with this particular population of special needs students and assess any additional locations by need.

Q Will parents be able to access video camera footage?

A Requests to view video footage will continue to be handled by the District administrative offices.

Q What is the background of the Chancelight CEO? Why did he choose to start this company?

A According to Mark Claypool's biography, he was a social worker and education administrator. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master of Arts in Sociology from Middle Tennessee State University.

He has held various positions in both state government and the private sector in mental health, juvenile corrections and education, and has more than two decades of experience in K-12 education, special and alternative education, behavioral health and residential treatment programs.

Mark grew frustrated by decreasing resources for children with learning differences, so he founded Educational Services of America (ESA) in 1999 and rebranded to ChanceLight in 2015 after achieving considerable success as the nation's leading provider of behavior therapy and alternative and special education programs for children and young adults



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Q ChanceLight mentioned previous litigation issues. What did they involve and what was the outcome?

A Per ChanceLight, Inc.:

"Early Autism Project reached a financial settlement with the federal government solely to allow us to continue our focus on providing life-changing Applied Behavior Analysis therapy to children with autism spectrum and related disorders. We admitted no wrongdoing, and the Corporate Integrity Agreement with the government clearly states that the terms apply to Early Autism Project only.

Early Autism Project cooperated fully with a government investigation of billing practices that were in place before ChanceLight began operating EAP in 2013. Since then, we have been taking every possible action to ensure accuracy and compliance with all regulations."
