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Meeting Minutes

I. Update on Testing/Assessment

- A. The Elementary subcommittee continues to address issues of overtesting and pacing in K-5 classes.

II. Update on Accountability Funds

- A. Expectations clarified around annual spending versus rolling over funds:
 - 1. Schools should use allocated funds each year.
 - 2. Consistently unspent funds may indicate a lower funding need.
- B. The CFO's intent is to keep funds centrally available rather than held by individual schools. The District needs to maintain a fund balance of 3.5% to avoid state intervention (receivorship); the balance was approximately 2.74% as of the March 11 North Area meeting.
- C. Proposed solution to keep schools from "panic spending" accountability funds - create a system where principals can request funds to support SIPs.

III. School Choice

- A. Many SAF Chairs reported issues and inconsistencies in the School Choice application and notification this year.
- B. A request was made that the district post the number of seats per grade at each school on the BCPS website, consistent with past practice, to provide greater transparency.
- C. Additional discussion will take place at the April 16 meeting.

IV. Future Topics - What concerns would you like brought to the North Area board?