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Dear Parents of Gifted Students:

Plans are currently in progress to hold a special meeting with P.A.C.E. parents and parents of all gifted students on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Room 100 at the Columbus Downtown High School, 364 South Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for parents to learn about the specifics of the Gifted and Talented Service Plan that will be in place for the 2012-2013 school year. The service plan for elementary and middle school gifted students implements the guiding principles of the Cluster Grouping Model to better serve all academically gifted students. Providing gifted services through Gifted Coordinators and Cluster Teachers, the district will be able to expand gifted service to additional grade levels. Specifically, students in grades 1-8 who are identified as Superior Cognitive, Specific Academic (reading, math, science, social studies), and Creative Thinking will be served. Opportunities will be available for Kindergarten students who qualify for gifted services. Students identified in the Visual and Performing Arts who currently do not receive any service will benefit from the Cluster Grouping Model through the integration of core subject areas in the arts. The ECLIPSE Program will continue as is currently designed for the 2012-2013 school year.

The development of the new service plan is based on gifted education research as well as input from staff and parental feedback regarding service delivery requirements.

We have always placed children first and we will continue to do so. Our service plan will require the Gifted Intervention Specialists to become Gifted Coordinators.

During the meeting, there will be opportunities for parents to ask questions and gain greater understanding of the new service plan.

We look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting on March 14, 2012.

In service of children,

Toia L. Robinson

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