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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Franklin Township Community School Corporation's goal is to equip all students with the skills and knowledge they will need to flourish in a global society. FTSCSC acknowledges its responsibility to provide appropriate academic experiences for all students of high ability including students with gifts and talents, whether those gifts and talents are undeveloped or actualized. Developing more talents requires enhanced instruction and guided learning opportunities.

Our high ability program has been under evaluation this past year to ensure that improvements are made to best meet the needs of students. While the program is solid, there have been areas identified for improvement. One identified area of improvement is program consistency and alignment across the district. Currently, there are two Tier III (REACH) programs at two different elementary schools. It has been a challenge to create a cohesive program in two locations. For the program to operate at the desired optimal level, teachers need collaboration to provide equitable services to students.

To best meet the needs of the students in the Tier III (REACH) program, the decision has been made to move the program from Arlington Elementary and Thompson Crossing Elementary to one location at South Creek Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year. This move will provide several opportunities for a cohesive program that will include: further teacher professional development, collaboration, shared experiences, opportunities for multi-age instruction, common STEM resources, and further program development. These research proven practices will assure we are meeting the needs of our Tier III (REACH) students.

A timeline has been created to make the move as seamless as possible for all families. The timeline will soon be available and shared at an upcoming parent information night on January 31, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at South Creek Elementary, 9010 E. Southport Road. Student field trip to South Creek, available tour times, and an Open House at South Creek Elementary school will be announced soon.

Please know that a great deal of thought, planning, and research has come before making this decision, to further meet the needs of students in the areas of acceleration, social/emotional development, and 21st Century learning. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynlie Schoene.

Always learning,

Lynlie A. Schoene, Ed.S.
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