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Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome your child to the gifted program this year. We are so excited about the opportunity to work with you and your child; our goal is to make this a productive year.

You may be wondering, “How will my gifted child be served this year?” Per APS policy, elementary schools within the district currently employ one or more of three state-approved delivery models: 1) The Resource Model, which serves gifted students through a gifted-endorsed teacher in an interdisciplinary-enriched environment once or more per week, 2) The Collaboration Model, which serves gifted students daily in their homeroom classroom through targeted instructional collaboration between the homeroom content-certified teacher and gifted-endorsed teacher, and 3) The Cluster Grouping Model, which serves gifted students daily in a homeroom where the teacher is content certified and gifted-endorsed. All models require K-5 students receive a minimum of one-sixth of the instructional day or its annual equivalent. These delivery models meet the requirements of Georgia Board Rule 160-4-2.38.

Currently, all gifted students at E. Rivers will receive services via the Collaboration Model (5th grade is subject to change). This means we will work closely with the gifted-endorsed homeroom teachers to bring in meaningful project-based learning via hands-on activities or through our digital enrichment platform, Renzulli. It is our intent to tap into your child’s “giftedness” and extend the learning in the regular classroom.

Thank you in advance for your support. We are excited about this year, and we look forward to getting to know the students and their talents.

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