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Parents,

As you consider potential options for your child's education, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) wants you to know about a special opportunity for kindergarten students that becomes available with the 2018-19 academic year. They are:

- ❖ **Mt. Zion Primary/Elementary** Dual Language Magnet Program (Spanish) – program begins in August 2018
- ❖ **Kilpatrick Elementary** Dual Language Magnet Program (Spanish) – program begins in August 2018

The district is also planning for future opportunities for elementary students beyond the 2018-2019 school year. These programs will not be available during the upcoming school year. They are:

- ❖ **Lake Ridge Elementary** Dual Language Magnet Program (French) – program begins in August 2019
- ❖ **River's Edge Elementary** Dual Language Magnet Program (Chinese) – program begins in August 2020

Each program will be a school within a school, where 50 seats will become available at each of the schools. Each program will begin at the Kindergarten level and then will phase in a grade level each year thereafter. A lottery process will be used to place students in these programs.

Applications for children entering Kindergarten for the **Mt. Zion Primary/Elementary** and the **Kilpatrick Elementary** programs open this week and will have a deadline of February 15, 2018. Parents should note that there will be a student application Magnet Fair for Dual Language Schools on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Professional Learning Center, 1087 Battle Creek Road in Jonesboro, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

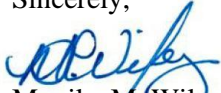
“We are very excited to offer these programs to our children,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent of Schools. “Participating elementary students will have an opportunity to become bi-literate and bi-cultural in Spanish, French and Chinese.”

“Research has shown that a dual language immersion model has academic benefits that extend beyond the classroom and shapes a student that is college and career ready,” he added.

Deadline for registering Kindergarten students only for the selection lottery is February 15, 2018. We encourage parents to take advantage of the student application Magnet Fair for Dual Language Schools on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Professional Learning Center, 1087 Battle Creek Road in Jonesboro, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Parents should also know that the late applications for the District's other magnet programs are being accepted at this time. Late applications for the other programs will not be included in the March 2018 Magnet/School Choice Lottery and may be entered only after all applicants in the wait pool have been assigned.

Sincerely,



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