



November 2018

Dear First, Second, Third, and Fourth Grade Families:

The Grosse Pointe Public School System begins the yearly process of identifying students for academic learning opportunities where they are most appropriately challenged for the fall of 2019.

These learning opportunities include:

- Formal cluster grouping in math, language arts or both within their homerooms, fall 2019.
- The magnet program for academically gifted children in grades 2-5, fall 2019.
- Magnet classrooms are a 2/3 split and a 4/5 split, and are housed at Defer Elementary and Ferry Elementary.

Students in grades first through fourth can be nominated for formal clustering or for magnet by parents. Each nominated student will have a portfolio consisting of: student data, writing sample, and teacher evaluation, and/or parent evaluation. Families of nominated students receive a formal letter in April 2019 with a recommendation for classroom differentiation strategies, for formal clustering or for magnet placement beginning fall 2019.

Families who nominate their child will complete the nomination form and return directly to our Central Office at 389 St. Clair Avenue. Parent nominations are accepted through **Wednesday, December 12th, 2018**. If your child was previously recommended for formal clustering by the Child Study Committee, there is no need to re-nominate for continued clustering for fall 2019. If you are unsure if your child is formally clustered, please consult your child's teacher.

Again, parent nomination forms are submitted directly to the Administration Building, 389 St. Clair, second floor c/o Mrs. Chinyere Crutcher by **Wednesday, December 12th, 2018**. Mrs. Crutcher can be contacted by phone at 313.432.3043, email at crutche@gpschools.org or by fax 313.432.3041.

Students who were recommended for magnet last spring, but were waitlisted, will automatically be entered into the April lottery for a possible fall 2019 magnet placement. In addition, our newly recommended 1st-4th graders from this year's Child Study will be placed in the magnet lottery for possible placement in a magnet classroom fall 2019. Families chosen for magnet by the lottery will be given the opportunity to accept or decline such placement. We will continue to offer open spots until all openings in our 2/3 and 4/5 classrooms at Defer and Ferry have been filled.

If you have questions and/or need further information regarding the nomination process, please contact your child's teacher, your building administrator, or the Child Study Coordinators Pam Liagre or Ann Passino.

Sincerely yours,

Child Study Coordinators

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