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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is important for us to continually evaluate our programs and procedures to ensure they are the best option for our students. This year the elementary principals evaluated how we schedule our school day. After comparing our model with other leading models in the country, the principals determined that a six day rotating schedule would better serve our students at the five elementary schools, Clark Mills School, Lafayette Mills School, Milford Brook School, Taylor Mills School, and Wemrock Brook School.

This new schedule will not have any effect on instruction in the core academic subjects (i.e., Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies), but it will have an effect on the special subjects or the related arts and how our students rotate amongst these subjects. Over the course of the six days, students will attend physical education for two days, art, music, media center, and switch every other rotation between a course with the technology teacher and a whole class session with the guidance counselor.

The new schedule provides us with the opportunity to incorporate a daily W.I.N. or "What I Need" period, during which students will have enriching personalized learning opportunities or receive intervention services. During this period, students will have the ability to pursue their individual interests through a variety of avenues. The students will be supervised and guided by our classroom teachers and our special subject teachers depending on the subject area in which the student would like to focus. The students may also be provided with individualized support built around their needs. For instance, during this time, some students will be provided with services such as ESL, RTI, and IEP driven therapies. One of the many benefits of this schedule is that students will no longer miss instructional time for services.

With budgetary changes, we will not be offering pull-out enrichment classes next year at the individualized schools. We are confident that the differentiated instruction built inherently into our curriculum and the W.I.N. period will provide all of our students with the opportunity to enrich their learning and to meet their individual interests and needs.

As we get closer to September, your child's principal will be providing more information about the new schedule. We are excited to share with you the possibilities that this is going to offer for our students!

Thank you,

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