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Subject: 5th grade Transition to MS

Greetings, Langston Hughes 5th Grade Families:

We are excited for you (and also saddened with you) t-hat the upcoming Langston Hughes Parent-Teacher Conferences will be the last one for your 5th grader. This may also be your last conference at Langston. Time certainly does fly!

We wanted to reach out to share some information about the transition to middle school, so everyone is getting the same information at the same time. This will also help to keep the focus of the brief parent-teacher conference on your student's current overall achievement and growth in 5th grade and how to finish this academic year in a positive and productive way. Our goal in this message and with others that will follow regarding the transition to middle school, is to help you feel informed about your student's next step and avoid any confusion.

Enrollment and Orientation Events: To begin, the middle schools have their own orientation events later this spring where you can attend as a family and gain an understanding of a typical day in middle school as well as ask any other remaining middle school-specific questions. When these events are scheduled, we will let everyone know. An opportunity to enroll will also become available in early March, and we will keep you updated when this happens and how to navigate the process in PowerSchool and/or on paper.

Middle School Math: An informational flyer will be provided to you during your Parent-Teacher Conferences that provides math options for incoming 6th graders. Additionally, there will be a parent information night offered at our district office (ESC) on **February 27th from 6:00-7:30**. The location is 110 McDonald Drive 66044. This evening will provide additional information and criteria to consider in determining the best path for your student in math for next year. If you have questions about your child's placement in a math class next year we strongly encourage you to attend this meeting and ask questions.

Visits to Lawrence Middle Schools: We typically take students over to their boundary-assigned, receiving middle school by bus later in the spring during the school day for a tour. Based on your *current address* in PowerSchool, the middle schools have already requested that we assign students

to their boundary-assigned middle school to begin the rollover process for next year. Any requested changes to your boundary-assigned middle school due to a residential move or transfer request will be between your family, the middle schools involved, and the District Enrollment Center.

Transfer Requests: If you have been contemplating the transfer request process or would like more information about it, you may download and read [THIS FORM](#) which is also available on the USD 497 website. You may also contact the District Enrollment Center with any additional questions. Lawrence Public Schools does not have an open enrollment policy; school boundaries are based on residential addresses. Again, for Langston Hughes-organized transition activities this spring, students will attend middle school orientation events based on their boundary-assigned middle school, even if a transfer request or anticipated residential move is in process.

In closing, we want to help you avoid any potential frustration or confusion during what should be a fun and exciting time for your 5th grader and your family. Our staff will help you navigate the transition processes and we will pass along any event information as they are announced. As soon as we know specific information regarding enrollment and orientation dates you will be contacted. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or stop by the office.

We will see you at conferences,

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Link to the form: Transfer [FORM](#)