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Dear Parents/Guardians:

You may have heard that there is a possibility of expanding the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School and Roberto Clemente Middle School. I am writing to share some further details and extend an invitation for you to join me at an upcoming joint PTA meeting in which we will provide more information on the International Baccalaureate MYP. **The meeting will take place at Roberto Clemente Middle School at 7:00 on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.**

The IB describes the MYP as “an inclusive program designed for all students aged 11 to 16. It provides a framework of learning which encourages students to become creative, critical and reflective thinkers. The MYP emphasizes intellectual challenge, encouraging students to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and to the real world. It fosters the development of skills for communication, intercultural understanding and global engagement, qualities that are essential for life in the 21st century.” The IB MYP is not a separate curriculum or a separate program for only a few children. It is a whole-school approach to learning designed to engage all learners. To learn more about the MYP you will find additional information at the following websites:

- Montgomery County Public Schools website on IB in MCPS (video):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayDpanLPd0A&list=UU_lFLRgazwc3vttgNKtM0w_w&index=1&feature=plcp
- International Baccalaureate website : <http://www.ibo.org/myp/>

The expansion of this program to our schools is pending budget approval in June. If the implementation of the MYP is funded we will begin the application process next school year. The application process is a thorough study and alignment of our school philosophy, organization, and curriculum with the requirements of the International Baccalaureate MYP and will take place over the next two school years.

Sincerely,

Dana E. Davison

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