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# **GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMS UPDATE**

## **JUNE 19, 2008**

### **Board Meeting**

**Office of Innovative and Specialized  
Programs**

# Issue

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According to the Baton Rouge Association for Gifted and Talented Students (BRAGTS) Task Force, the primary concern is the declining number of students participating in the East Baton Rouge Public School System's Gifted and Talented Programs as stated in the Executive Summary of the BRAGTS proposal dated March 2008, p.1.

# Timeline

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- **March 2008**
  - BRAGTS proposal published
- **April 2008**
  - School Board requested review of the BRAGTS proposal

## **May 2008**

- EBR staff reviewed the impact of recommendations
- EBR Task Force is currently reviewing BRAGTS proposal and staffs' response

# Timeline

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- **May 13 & 15, 2008**
  - Staff Review Committee meetings
- **May 27 & June 12, 2008**
  - Gifted and Talented Programs Task Force meetings

# **BRAGTS Proposed Recommendations**

- **5.1.1**
  - ✳ Glasgow Middle School
- **5.1.2**
  - ✳ Parkview Elementary School
- **5.1.3**
  - ✳ Mckinley High School
- **5.1.4**
  - ✳ Task Force

# **BRAGTS Proposed Recommendations**

- **5.1.5**
  - Support for Gifted and Talented Programs
- **5.1.6**
  - Universal Screening
- **5.1.7**
  - Marketing Strategy
- **5.1.8**
  - Channel Pathways

# Staff Review Committee Position

## Statement on 5.1.1

### Glasgow Middle School

- Based on the capacity of the school, a dedicated site would impact existing schools within the system.

# Staff Review Committee Position Statement on 5.1.2

## Parkview Elementary School

- The staff review committee and task force agrees that this recommendation has been implemented sufficiently.

# Staff Review Committee Position Statement on 5.1.3

## **McKinley High School**

- The Great Scholars Academy is similar to a magnet program and will attract students from through-out the district.

# Staff Review Committee Position Statement on 5.1.4

- BRAGTS Task Force
  - May 27, 2008
  - June 12, 2008

# **Staff Community Staff Position Statement on 5.1.5**

## **Gifted and Talented Support**

- The resource and self-contained gifted models currently in place use various marketing strategies. Gifted and Talented site designation should be a site based decision based on School Board approval.

# Staff Review Committee Position

## Statement on 5.1.6

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### Universal Screening

Use existing screening tools as part of the universal screening process for pre-K and K students.

Students meeting an established score will be screened for further evaluation

# Staff Review Committee Position Statement on 5.1.7

## Marketing Strategy

- Enhance the marketing strategies through a written marketing plan within budget constraints.

# Staff Review Committee Position Statement on 5.1.8

## Gifted and Talented Programs

- Information is provided to parents about the system's programs so they can make well informed choices.

# Gifted and Talented Task Force

- Next Steps...
  - High Priorities
  - Low Priorities

# High Priorities

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- 5.1.2
  - Parkview Elementary School
- 5.1.3
  - McKinley High School
- 5.1.6
  - Universal Screening
- 5.1.7
  - Marketing Strategy

# Low Priorities

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- 5.1.1
  - Glasgow Middle School
- 5.1.4
  - Task Force
- 5.1.5
  - Support Gifted and Talented Programs
- 5.1.8
  - Channel Pathways



# Gifted/Talented Programs

2008-2009

# Initiatives

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- **Great Scholars Academy**
  - Middle and High Schools
- **Gifted Open Screening**
  - June 9-12, 2008
  - June 16-19, 2008
- **Advertising-** newspaper, television, radio, billboards

# Initiatives

- **Talented Programs**
  - Identified 302 students:
    - Music-105
    - Visual Arts-107
    - Theatre-90
- **Gifted Assessment Team**

# TEAMwork

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“Coming together is a beginning.

Keeping together is progress.

Working together is success.”

Henry Ford (1863-1947)

# Questions