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To our Parents /Guardians and Stakeholders of D. M. Therrell High School,

Daniel McLaughlin Therrell High School is embarking on an exciting endeavor for our student's to continue their pursuits of becoming inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who develop intercultural understanding and respect. The D. M. Therrell Cluster has chosen the International Baccalaureate (IB) as our signature program for the elementary schools, and middle school that feeds into our high school. The IB is an educational program that has proven to be successful for over 40 years. Research indicates, Title 1 schools that offer IB Programmes have shown an increase in graduation rates, the number of students enrolling in college, and college retention.

Throughout the next two to three years, we will be integrating the IB standards and practices as we strive to be an authorized IB World School. This year we are in the "Consideration Phase," which focuses on where we are now, and what we need to do to complete our task of becoming a candidate school for the 2017-2018 school year. Throughout the year, there will be presentations which will include: Introduction to IB / Examining Therrell Mission, and IB Mission Statements / The IB Student Learner Profile / Middle Years Program (MYP) / Career Related Program (CP).

D. M. Therrell High School has consistently shown progress in the past three years in our academic achievements by creating a culture that has been conducive to learning. It is our goal to provide an international education that will open doors for college/career global opportunities.

We are looking forward to sharing and exploring this venture with our stakeholders. Please feel free to inquire for more information at 404-802-5327.

Respectfully,

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