March 9, 2017

To: Members of the Board of Education  
    Jennifer Cheatham, Superintendent of School

From: Dylan Pauly, Legal Counsel

Re: New Magnet School Policy

We are currently working through the final steps of transitioning James C. Wright Middle School from a charter school to a magnet school. As part of that process, we have developed a draft magnet school policy. The purpose of the policy is to provide a common, local definition of the terms “magnet school” and “magnet program.” The draft policy also sets forth the basic methods for developing magnet schools and program.

*It is recommended that the Board approve Board Policy 10,100 (Magnet Schools and/or Programs) as set forth in the materials prepared for the March 27, 2017 Regular Meeting, effective immediately.*

Following approval of the policy, the Board is also being asked to formally recognize Spring Harbor as a magnet school pursuant to and in accordance with Policy 10100. Given Spring Harbor’s history, we do not believe it is necessary or appropriate for a new proposal process. Essentially, the school would be grandfathered into the policy.

*It is recommended that the Board formally recognize Spring Harbor Middle School as a magnet school pursuant to Board Policy 10100.*

Finally, material related to Wright’s transition from a charter school to a magnet school will be provided in April for your review and approval.