2019-2020 Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program Update



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Essential Question

What additions and changes are proposed for the 2019-2020 addendum to the Local Plan for Gifted Education?





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Additions and Changes

A 2019-20 Project Plan is being developed that will include a timeline and scope of work to help monitor these activities throughout the year.

- Introduce new identification pathways such as:
 - Creating a Talent Search Team to work with all 3rd graders to uncover talent and emerging potential
 - Designing a special identification focus on English Learners (EL) and Specialized Instruction learners considering growth factors and using culturally sensitive instruments
 - Using **achievement** indicators for General Intellectual Aptitude (GIA) services
 - Including Young Scholars under the TAG service umbrella and expanding to two additional elementary schools



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Additions and Changes (cont'd)

- Ensuring the majority of placement decisions are made in the Spring, thus reducing the referral window to the first quarter of the year
- Clustering identified GIA and YS students with select teachers
- Offering Professional Development options to include
 - Elementary differentiation initiative
 - Local gifted endorsement
 - William and Mary gifted endorsement cohort
 - Honors differentiation strategies series



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Additions and Changes (cont'd)

- Collecting data and evaluating push-in and pull-out separate service delivery options for fourth and fifth grade English/Language Arts
- Redesigning of middle school programming
 - Middle School consultant
 - Connected High School Project alignment
 - Explore feasibility of high school credit courses





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Questions and Discussion



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