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Dear West Jefferson Hills School District Families,

Over the last two and a half years, student enrollment in the West Jefferson Hills School District has increased by nearly 240 students to an overall total enrollment approaching 3,100 students. This level of increase makes the West Jefferson Hills School District one of the fastest-growing school districts in Pennsylvania. As such, I wanted to provide you with the District's response beginning with the 2020-2021 school year to accommodate the increasing enrollment.

In March of 2018, the School Board approved a multi-year plan which would move the southern portion of the existing McClellan attendance zone to Gill Hall. This adjustment would go into effect with the completion of the expansion project at Gill Hall. With the recent completion of a ten-classroom addition at Gill Hall, the District is moving forward with an adjustment of the boundary line as recommended by Cropper GIS Consulting, LLC, which will provide the opportunity to lower class sizes at both Gill Hall and McClellan.

Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year:

- Children who will be Kindergarten students in 2020-2021 who reside in the Deer Park and Hunters Field neighborhoods will attend Gill Hall. No other areas of the District are affected.
- Children who will be Kindergarten students in 2020-2021 residing in the Deer Park and Hunters Field neighborhoods *with siblings who will be in Grade 1 or 2 at McClellan*, parents/guardians will be allowed to voluntarily transfer older siblings to Gill Hall.
- Newly-enrolling first or second-grade students in the Deer Park and Hunters Field neighborhoods will attend Gill Hall.
- Parents/guardians of children residing in the Deer Park and Hunters Field neighborhoods *with children attending McClellan grades 1 or 2* will be surveyed for their interest in voluntarily transferring to Gill Hall. This information will be used in determining the benefit of this option.

Additionally, the School Board approved the completion of a demographic study which will be completed by March 2020. This study is expected to provide information that will be used in future planning.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support and pride in the West Jefferson Hills School District.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Patterson
Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education

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