



February 15, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians of James Madison Middle School Students:

Rising ninth graders currently enrolled at James Madison Middle School are being given an out of boundary transfer opportunity for the 2012-2013 school year. In October of 2011, James Madison Middle School and Frederick Douglass received authorization from the International Baccalaureate Organization as IB World Schools that offer the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP).

The Middle Years Programme is a school-wide program that promotes instructional delivery to engage the academic and social development of the whole child. The guiding philosophy is an interdisciplinary implementation designed to develop an academically proficient, globally-minded learner. Additional parental information about the Middle Years Programme can be accessed online at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).

The school system is prepared to continue to support the program by ensuring that continuity is provided to the students who begin the MYP at James Madison. To that end, 50 rising grade nine students (current grade eight students) who live in the Madison boundary but are not currently zoned to attend Frederick Douglass for the 2012-2013 school year will be given special permission to attend Frederick Douglass High School as an out-of-boundary transfer student. In order for you to take advantage of this opportunity, please complete the attached application and **return it to Ms. Kim Watson, MYP Coordinator at Frederick Douglass, by March 23, 2012**. Transportation has been provided for these out-of-boundary transfer students. As of this writing, we anticipate that service to continue.

Each application will be assigned a random number. The applications will be sorted and entered into a computerized lottery system to guarantee equity in access to continue the program at Frederick Douglass. Questions regarding the application and selection process should be directed to Ms. Watson at 301-952-2400 or [kimwat@pgcps.org](mailto:kimwat@pgcps.org).

Students who are accepted as IB MYP out-of-boundary transfer students will be notified no later than April 25, 2012. Please understand that students will be expected to consistently demonstrate the IB Learner characteristics and complete the Personal Project, the capstone activity of the MYP, in order to remain at Douglass for the entirety of the student's high school career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Duane Arbogast".

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