

May 11, 2005

Dear Members of the New Kent County School Board,

At our meeting this evening the attendees at the Gifted Advisory Council discussed the past year and plans for the future. The following list of commendations and recommendations were devised:

**Recommendations**

- Increase staff development efforts in the training of teachers, especially those working with our older students, to assist them with understanding the characteristics of gifted students and strategies for working with them
- Increase differentiation in classrooms
- Encourage teachers working with gifted students to have a gifted endorsement
- Encourage additional advanced placement or dual enrollment classes at NKHS and encourage inclusion of the new virtual AP classes there
- Continue support of the OM teams at GWES, NKMS, and NKHS and encourage additional after-school programs
- Continue to consider additional slots at the Governor's School
- Establishing dedicated classroom and storage spaces at NKPS, GWES, and NKMS for the ACE students and program

**Commendations**

- The addition of a gifted resource teacher and the fantastic program that Mrs. Estis has developed
- The ACE rotations at NKMS conducted by Mrs. Gregory and Mr. Easton, as well as all their work and efforts at all the schools
- The OM teams and coaches that represent our division so successfully
- The increase in the number of Governor's School slots
- The Celebration of the Arts and its coordination
- The support from the School Board for gifted initiatives

Thank you for your continued support of all the gifted programs in our division.

Sincerely,

Gifted Advisory Council