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Dear parents of 5th and 6th grade students,

I am writing to share an update on the changes taking place in the McLain Feeder Pattern following the recommendations made by the North Tulsa Community Education Task Force. The schools in the McLain Feeder Pattern in the 2018-2019 school year are ECDC Bunche; Anderson, Celia Clinton, Gilcrease, Hawthorne, Springdale, Penn, Unity, and Whitman elementary schools; Monroe Demonstration Academy; McLain 7th Grade Academy, and McLain Junior and Senior High School.

On Tuesday, February 19, our Board of Education approved the recommendation to create a single middle school for the McLain Feeder Pattern at Monroe Demonstration Academy. Launching in the 2019-2020, this middle school will serve feeder pattern students in grades 6, 7, and 8 at the Monroe campus, which will be expanded to include the current Monroe building and the current Penn Elementary School building. We are excited about this opportunity to bring together our McLain Feeder middle grade students into one extraordinary school!

The expansion of Monroe means that students currently enrolled in 5th and 6th grades in our McLain Feeder Pattern schools will attend Monroe Demonstration Academy for 6th and 7th grade in the 2019-2020 school year. Monroe is a wonderful learning community, and Principal Rex Langley and his team are excited to welcome you to the Monroe family next year!

I know that you likely have many questions about what your child's school experience will look like next year. Over the coming weeks, there will be opportunities for you and your child to learn more about Monroe Demonstration Academy and to tour the school before the end of the current school year. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>deborah.gist@tulsaschools.org</u> or 918-746-6160 to share your feedback and questions.

Best,

Superintendent Deborah A. Gist

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