



Hope Schooler
Principal

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As required by state statute, students in 4th and 5th grades at Gulf Trace Elementary will receive an additional 50 minutes of daily instructional time. We see this as a great opportunity for us to provide students with the additional support that they need to be successful. The school day for students in these grade levels will be from 9:30 to 4:40. Pre-K to 3rd grade students will remain on the 9:30 to 3:50 time schedule. Transportation will be provided for both release times.

Students will have a total of 180 minutes during the day for English Language Arts instruction. Students will continue to have content time in math, science and social studies. Additionally, students in the 4th and 5th grades will have additional literacy supports.

We will have a Parent Information meeting on August 4, 2016 at 6:00 in our GTES Cafeteria. Information about the additional ELA instruction time will be discussed. Also read the Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on the back of this letter.

We are asking each family to please support us by having your child at school every day; attendance is important. We want every student to be successful at Gulf Trace Elementary.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Hope Schooler
Principal