December 20, 2019

Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that we write to inform you that Benjamin Tasker Middle School has qualified as a 2019 Maryland Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) School designation.

As we continue to emphasize rigor for all students, it is essential that we focus on developing a high quality gifted and talented education program here at Tasker. The EGATE application process requires school teams to reflect upon and document the ways in which their gifted and talented education program is aligned with the Maryland Criteria for Excellence: Gifted and Talented Education Program Guidelines and the Code of Maryland Regulations: Gifted and Talented Education (COMAR 13A.04.07). Benjamin Tasker Middle School exhibited all these requirements in their portfolio submission to earn a perfect score of 21 out of 21 points.

Schools that earn the EGATE designation will:

- Receive a Governor’s citation and a citation from the Maryland State Department of Education;
- Receive recognition at a statewide event in February 2020;
- Receive and display the Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) school banner;
- Appear on the MSDE website as an Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) school;
- Host a celebratory EGATE visit from members of the Maryland State Department of Education and the State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education in the spring of 2020;
- Participate in the 2020 EGATE Showcase and Networking Event in the spring of 2020; and
- Serve as a model and resource to other schools working to achieve the EGATE status.

Our BTMS EGATE portfolio is available to be viewed by staff, parents, students, and the community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kendra Hill

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