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Dear GME Parents and Guardians;

RE: Transitions

This is the time of year in your child's life when we are celebrating a year of accomplishments and looking ahead to next year. This can be a scary time for some. For this reason, we will be having all students return to their 2016-2017 class to begin the 2017-2018 school year. Even if their teacher is not there, they will have some familiar faces to ease the rest of the transition.

Transitions are a part of all of our lives. We often do not take the time to understand how we are feeling about the changes associated with new beginnings or endings. Some of us have a very hard time with change. Throughout the school career of your child, we ask them to transition from home to elementary to middle and then to high school. Each one is significantly different with a new set of expectations and culture. I think that we need to do a better job of preparing your child for a lifetime of transitions by knowing themselves and what they need to be successful, who to ask for help and what it feels like to both struggle and succeed.

The final project for my Transformative Educational Leadership Program with UBC Vancouver will be on transitions. I am working on this project with LeeAnn Yapps, the vice-principal of Dr. Knox Middle School. We are going to make a plan within our sphere of influence, to involve our community in successful transitions for all learners. Each one deserves dignity, purpose and options. We believe that we can do a better job with a concentrated and smart effort using the experiences and expertise of many. We will be presenting our project on July 11 at UBC Vancouver. In the fall, we will be able to share our ideas with our community and we will be asking for help.

Making transitions does not stop at high school graduation, we make transitions throughout our lives to the world of work, post-secondary studies, relationships, travel, living in new places, having to make new friends, seeing our parents through different stages in life, etc... Change does not stop while we live. Learning to cope with change is an important life skill.

Encouragement, patience and encouraging a growth mindset will go a long way in times of transition throughout our lives.

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