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Dear AIM Teacher:

I've received several emails from AIM teachers indicating your willingness to serve on an AIM committee. I want to thank all of you who have volunteered your professional services to help advance the AIM conversation in DJUSD.

Your expertise and input on the AIM program is welcome and very important. It is a priority of mine that I hear from AIM professionals. While there is no formal committee, teachers have already met with me to share ideas and suggestions.

To provide you with a clear understanding of our charge and timeline, I have outlined our process below.

1. Assignment of four administrators to the Board of Education's motion from June 4:
 - Stephanie Gregson, Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Learning
 - Dr. Clark Bryant, Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services
 - Matt Best, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services
 - Winfred Roberson, Superintendent
2. Contact and dialogue with university researchers specializing in the Gifted and Talented Education field.
3. Review of GATE programs in districts throughout California.
4. Principal panel to vet preliminary recommendations on August 14.
5. Secondary GATE/AIM teachers: I've learned that **secondary AIM teachers** will meet on **August 18**. We would like the opportunity to share the same preliminary recommendations with you at that time.
6. **Elementary AIM teachers:** I understand elementary AIM teachers are not formally scheduled to meet as a group until September 30. As such, I invite elementary AIM teachers to a meeting on **August 19 at 2:00 P.M., at the District Offices so we may** share the preliminary recommendations.

In sum, our work to date has been centered on peer reviewed academic research related to gifted and talented identification and classroom/school wide differentiation. Our charge is to ensure that the student-centered recommendations for AIM identification will be made based on solid research, the evaluation of DJUSD student needs and lessons learned from other school districts' models and experiences.

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I look forward to meeting with you all in August. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to share information in advance of the above dates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. B. Roberson, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Winfred B. Roberson, Jr.
Superintendent