

Eagle Rock High School
Gifted Magnet Center

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Dear Magnet Students and Parents;

I have great news to convey to all of you! We have just received LAUSD approval for our long sought after plan to expand our Magnet Program at Eagle Rock Jr./Sr. High School through the 12th grade. This means that current ERHS Magnet 8th and 9th graders who wish remain in our program through high school graduation will now be able to do so! The 2011-2012 school year will be the first year our program will have a 10th grade. In subsequent years, we will add 11th and 12th grades.

This year's current 9th graders will now be the first cohort of students to be able to get their diplomas from the Eagle Rock Jr./Sr. High School Magnet! This means if you are a current 8th or 9th grade Magnet student or parent and you wish to remain here next school year, **there is no need to submit a Choices Application!** You may also be interested in informing friends and family members that there may be additional student places for the 10th grade for the 2011-2012 school year should they wish to apply. Unfortunately, since the 2011-2012 Choices Applications are already printed, they will not reflect our new program configuration nor our new capacity for 280 students.

I hope you will join me in thanking everyone involved in insuring the approval of our expansion. This includes our ERMAC President and Vice-President, Fernando and Kelly Orozco, our ERMAC Secretary Linda Loera, wonder parent Sandra Figueroa, School Board member Yolie Flores, Ms. Flores' assistant Ron Palacios, ERHS Assistant Principal Delia Estrada, and ERHS Principal Salvador Velasco. I would also like to thank ERHS teacher Laurie Bollman-Little for her constant support and peerless leadership in developing our International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. Finally, additional thanks to all of you who sent in the petition letters and generally supported the expansion of our program. The Magnet staff here looks forward to the expansion and to many years of continued service to our students and their families. Thank you!

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