

January 20, 2014

Dear East Grand Rapids Public Schools Families,

Happy New Year! We begin the second half of the school year with optimism and renewed enthusiasm as we continue to provide our students with enriching educational opportunities.

In our desire to continually strive to enhance the learning and teaching opportunities in East Grand Rapid Public Schools, a team of administrators and high school teachers has been exploring an intensive, high-quality high school program known as the International Baccalaureate (IB). The IB program is a world-class, instructive curriculum that we believe will complement our current educational offerings at the high school and directly correlates to our district mission: *"Educating and inspiring each student to navigate successfully in a global community."*

An overview of the International Baccalaureate Programme will be presented at the monthly East Grand Rapids Board of Education meeting on Monday, January 27, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. In an effort to accommodate all parents who may be interested in learning about this program and hearing this overview presentation, the January 27 Board of Education meeting will be held at the High School Little Auditorium. Please keep in mind that all regular Board of Education meetings are always open to the public, and community members are encouraged to attend. We will also be hosting additional IB informational sessions at the high school; one session on February 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., and two sessions in March with more details to follow.

If you are interested in learning about the IB program in advance of the presentations, please refer to the [International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme](#) and a list of East Grand Rapids International Baccalaureate [FAQs](#).

I wish you all the best in 2014.

Sincerely,



Sara Magaña Shubel, Ph.D.
Superintendent

SMS/jmm

