

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: November 7, 2012

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF THE DELETION OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL
8 GIFTED AND TALENT (MS8 GT) SCIENCE**

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**RESOURCE
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INFORMATION

That the Board of Education approves the deletion of the *MS8 GT Science* course.

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Attachment I: Executive Summary

Deletion of the MS8 GT Science Course Executive Summary

The Middle School Science Grade 8 Gifted and Talented course (25.0800.5) has been replaced with the high school credit Environmental Science course (25.30200.0). Replacing MS8 Science GT with the high school credit course provides gifted and talented students with an opportunity to obtain a science graduation credit during their middle school experience. This middle school course number will no longer be used because all Grade 8 GT students will take high school Environmental Science. In order to eliminate confusion for counselors relative to scheduling students into course and awarding credits, we would like to drop the middle school course number from the master course file.