**OPTION 1 - READY TO SEND**

Dear CMS School Board / Magnet School Coordinators,

In response to the recent proposals shared throughout the CMS community:

Please consider pulling the proposal related to Irwin Academic Center from the non-capital projects package that will go to a school board vote on February 14. Specifically, I am concerned about the impact this current proposal to remove Irwin's LI/TD magnet charter will have on my child / children at the school and the broader community.

Irwin is a shining example of what CMS hopes all students can experience in terms of parent engagement, diversity, and excellence. In fact, Irwin is consistently ranked as one of the best magnet schools in the state of North Carolina.

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2. We have a diverse student body.
3. We have high levels of engagement from parents (nearly 50% of families are enrolled in our PTA).
4. We have strong school leadership with TD/LI certified educators and a new principal supporting high energy in the school.
5. The community indicated, during Phase 1, more interest in full TD programs like Irwin.

Please think carefully about any proposal to change the magnet program at Irwin and give us more time to review and understand the proposal before making any approved changes to Irwin.  As a parent, I have more questions than answers and do not feel prepared to comment effectively on the proposal as laid forth.

I need to know more about the following and have a chance to comment before the February 14 vote. Until these answers are available, a comment period is not actually helpful.

1. Tell me more about the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB PYP) and how it compares to the current LI/TD track my student(s) is / are on.
2. Where will the new IB PYP program be located - in other words, will we stay in our building?
3. When will this change take place and how will IB PYP teachers be hired and certified in time?

These are just some of the questions that the current proposal raises. The process around this comment period has been inadequate and not transparent.  I am asking you to please provide answers to these questions before we move forward with a comment period, let alone a vote. February 14 is just too soon to make this decision.

**OPTION 2 - ADD YOUR OWN QUESTIONS**

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Irwin has been a great place for my student(s). I think it’s a shining example of what CMS hopes all students can experience.

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1. **FILL IN YOUR QUESTIONS HERE**