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TAF@SAGHALIE MERGER UPDATES

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When will the merger happen?

- The TAF@Saghalie merger will happen over a period of 3 years beginning with 6th grade in 2017-18.
- All students will be housed at the Saghalie location starting September 2017, including Saghalie students in 7th and 8th and TAF Academy students in grades 7-12.

What will the whole school look like with TAF@Saghalie, TAF Academy and Saghalie students? How will they interact?

- All incoming 6th grade students will be in the TAF@Saghalie program and students will be placed in cohorts that will remain through graduation.
- We anticipate 150 6th grade students but depending on numbers of Saghalie service area students entering the 6th grade, we will expand the program if necessary.
- Both TAF Academy students in grades 7-12 and Saghalie Students in grades 7 and 8 will maintain in their current programs. TAF Academy will remain a "Limited Space" school with 50 students per grade. If there are seats available the following is a chart of enrollment priority:
 - Siblings of current TAF Academy students
 - Current Saghalie service area students on the Choice Enrollment waiting list
 - Federal Way School District students on the Choice Enrollment waiting list
 - Out of District students on the Choice Enrollment waiting list

How will I enroll my students in TAF@Saghalie?

- TAF@Saghalie is a neighborhood school, drawing students from the Elementary feeder schools to Saghalie, Green Gables, Olympic View and Brigadoon.
- Siblings of TAF Academy students will continue to have enrollment priority.

- If you live outside of the Saghalie service area and would like to attend TAF@Saghalie in the upcoming years, you can still fill out choice paperwork and will be placed on a waiting list according to the FWPS Choice Enrollment policy.
- Parents must actively enroll their student into TAF Academy. Registration paperwork will be mailed to your student by the end of June.

How will students continue onto TAF@Saghalie High School?

- All 8th grade students, in both Saghalie and TAF Academy, will be given the opportunity to register as a 9th grade TAF@Saghalie High School student.
- Other options available for students are:
 - Attend Decatur High School.
 - Go through the Choice Enrollment process to attend another High School in Federal Way.

Has there been any updates on transportation for TAF Academy students?

- Addresses for the students have been sent into transportation, bus stops are currently being developed. *More information will follow.*
- Transportation will continue to be provided for all current TAF Academy students who reside within the Totem service area for 6 years.
- Siblings of current TAF students residing in the Totem service area will be provided with transportation until the sibling graduates.
- All other Choice Enrollment students that have been accepted to TAF Academy, both within the District and out of district, will need to continue providing student transportation.
- Extended Learning Opportunity transportation (after school busses) will be available.

What electives will be offered?

Students will be offered a variety of electives, including the following:

- Visual Art
- Digital Art
- Band
- Digital Music
- Engineering
- Robotics
- World Languages – Korean, Chinese & Spanish
- PE

Where will my student play sports?

- Middle School students will play sports at TAF@Saghalie
- High School students will play sports at Decatur. They also have an option to play sports at their home High School – transportation not provided

Will there be a dress code?

- Dress expectations will be in alignment with the current Dress Code policies at TAF Academy.
- Dress Code expectations will be included with the June Registration paperwork.
- Dress for Success is an important part of the culture of TAF Academy and is expected to remain as part of TAF@Saghalie.

How will the move affect the current TAF Academy High School students?

- High School programs and expectations will continue as usual. The only difference is that these students will have a greater choice of electives. Our strong College and Career readiness values including college fairs, internships, business partnerships and career focus field trips will remain an important part of TAF@Saghalie High School.

If you would like more information, please call the TAF Academy office, 253-945-5190 or 253-945-5187.