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Dear Parents/Guardians of 2016-17 K-5 Students,

As you are hopefully aware, the district has been in the planning process for an elementary reconfiguration that will go into effect for the 2016-17 school year. The reconfiguration impacts all seven elementary schools and schools will convert to either K-1 or 2-5 buildings and be paired/grouped together. The pairs/groups and school assignments are as follows:

**Gilson Brown (K-1) / West (2-5)** – If your home address is currently in the Gilson Brown or West boundaries, then your child will attend Gilson Brown for K-1 and West for 2-5.

**Lewis & Clark (K-1) / North (2-5)** - If your home address is currently in the Lewis & Clark or North boundaries, then your child will attend Lewis & Clark for K-1 and North for 2-5.

**Lovejoy (K-1) and Eunice Smith (K-1) / East (2-5)** – During the planning process it became evident that the district would need to adjust some school boundaries to balance enrollment. As a result, some students who are currently in the Lovejoy, Eunice Smith, and East boundaries will be moved to the Lewis & Clark/North boundary. In addition, since this grouping contains two K-1 buildings, the East boundary must be split to determine which building (Lovejoy or Eunice Smith) students will attend for K-1. Information for these students is on the back of this letter and enclosed maps. (Letters to students of other schools will not contain this information, but it can be found at [www.altonschools.org](http://www.altonschools.org))

**Gifted Program and Special Education** – Please note that the Gifted Program will be housed in the Gilson Brown/West boundary. In addition, if your child is enrolled in a district Special Education program, then he/she will remain in that program unless the student's IEP indicates a change is necessary. Most programs are remaining within their current buildings/boundaries, but parents will be notified by either the school or Special Education office if their location will change for 2016-17.

The Board, Administration, and Staff appreciate your patience as the district has worked through a time-consuming and difficult process. The district's goal throughout this process has been to maintain class sizes within Board of Education targets and continue the programs and services that are vital to our students and community. **If you are unsure of your school boundary, new to the district or have an incoming Kindergarten student, please call 474-2600 to confirm your child's school placement for the 2016-17 school year.**

Sincerely,

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