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Dear Parents and Guardians of GATE Seminar Students:

In an effort to ensure that all Seminar-qualified students have access to a Seminar program in their geographic area, the San Diego Unified School District has made some important changes to the Seminar enrollment process. Please note the modifications below:

- All high school attendance areas will have at least one Seminar site at each level – elementary, middle and high school – to ensure equitable access to Seminar programs across the district. Additional Seminar sites were granted in order to accomplish this goal.
- Due to the proximity of Seminar Programs in each residential area, students identified during the 2007-2008 school and beyond can now attend the Seminar program within their high school attendance area. If there is more than one school with a Seminar program within the attendance area, the student may choose between the schools.
- All students in grades 3-12 currently placed in a Seminar program outside of their residential areas are “grandfathered” into the high school attendance pattern they have selected and may remain there through high school graduation.
- A child may be eligible to attend schools outside of their attendance area through the Program Improvement School Choice option (PISC), the Voluntary Enrollment Exchange Program (VEEP), the Magnet program or Open Enrollment (Choice). Please contact the Enrollment Options office for more information at (619) 725-5672 or at <http://sandi.net/enrollmentoptions>. January 31, 2008, is the priority application deadline for Enrollment Options applications.
- Please note that the Seminar application process has been discontinued. Parents must now notify the school as soon as possible that their child plans to attend. The school must then determine the enrollment date so that they are able to project staffing needs.

We anticipate that this modified process will be advantageous to all of our SDUSD students. Please call the GATE office at (858) 573-5998 if you have need of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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