

April 2, 2019

Dear Bright Horizons Families,

We want to make you aware of an upcoming change to the Bright Horizons Early Education Center at Horizon High School beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

This fall, we will begin transitioning Bright Horizons into a district preschool program for children ages 3-5 and gradually phase out the current infant and toddler classrooms. Families who have children currently enrolled in Bright Horizons will not lose care.

In order to minimize the impact this transition would have on our current families, we will phase out the infant and toddler classrooms as currently enrolled children age-up into the next classroom. The infant classroom will run through 2019 Winter Break when all currently enrolled infants will age-up to the next classroom. By Fall 2021, Bright Horizons will be exclusively a preschool program and will no longer offer infant or toddler programs. Families who apply to enroll a new infant for Fall 2019 will only have care through the end of 2019 because they will not reach the age to move to the next classroom.

As part of the district's strategic plan, ELEVATE, Adams 12 Five Star Schools is committed to expanding early childhood education opportunities for preschool age children across the district. Bright Horizons is not going away. By re-envisioning the program, we are able to better align it with the district's early childhood model and provide more opportunities for preschool age children in our community. In addition, Bright Horizons Preschool will continue to be a lab school in cooperation with Adams 12 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and Horizon High School's specific CTE course offerings so that students can explore career pathways in Early Childhood Education and Pre-Service Teaching opportunities.

Bright Horizons and Horizon High School staff and leadership will continue their long-standing collaboration to meet the needs of both early learners and high school students. The Five Star District currently has 18 preschool programs across the district with a department of specialized child development support staff. By bringing Bright Horizons under the district's early childhood model, it will provide greater resources and support for staff in preparing all students for kindergarten.

If you have questions about the transition of Bright Horizons to the district's early childhood model, please contact Lisa Lambrecht, Bright Horizons Director at lisa.lambrecht@adams12.org. In addition, district and Bright Horizons leadership will be available at the school on April 3 & 4, 2019, from 6:45-9:00 am and 3:00-5:00 pm to address any additional questions from families.

We are committed to providing quality educational programs for preschool-age children in the Five Star District and appreciate your support as we transition the program to better align with the district's overall early childhood model and new strategic plan. We value the partnership we have with our families and will continue to keep you informed of any changes to our programming.

Sincerely,



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Bright Horizons Director



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