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*According to the TAG Work plan, you will solicit teaching assignment requests from teachers this fall. I would like to suggest that your survey include this more important question addressed to 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers: In your professional judgment, will the 8-9 configuration at the former GVHS enhance the physical, emotional, social and intellectual development and positively impact academic achievement in ways that can not be accomplished in the present schools?*

*With the prospect of more lay-offs, job security is an issue for all staff and I do not think that you can assume that requesting a position in the 8-9 school is an endorsement.*