



Edward Gideon School  
2817 W. Glenwood Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19121

Dear Parents and Families of the Edward Gideon School,

Since being named a System of Great Schools (SGS) school in October, we have been gathering information from our entire school community on how we can improve the Edward Gideon School. As a part of this SGS process, Cambridge Education conducted a school quality review and Temple University hosted meetings to hear from students, parents, families, teachers, and community members.

I am writing to share with you that the final reports written by Cambridge Education and Temple University are now available at the school and online at

**[www.philasd.org/greatschools/investmentsandinterventions/gideonschool](http://www.philasd.org/greatschools/investmentsandinterventions/gideonschool)**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this process so far and shared feedback in support of making our school stronger. As a school, our goal is to be the best educators and to provide an excellent education for your children. The information shared in the reports and the data we regularly collect at the school will help us in reaching that goal.

Since feedback in the fall, we have worked closely with members from Talent, Student Support Services, Academics, and Operations to address immediate needs in the reports, and as always, we need to continue the partnership that exists between home and school. The first step of this partnership was the recruitment of our School Advisory Council (SAC). Below, we will have opportunities for you to engage with the school by participating in the following:

- First Mondays - Come out to experience our Resource Fair from 5pm-7pm the first Monday every month. Meet other families in the community and access awesome resources.
- Parent to Parent Workshop – January 2018 this workshop will be facilitated by Ms. Davida, Parent Volunteer
- SAC Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every other month beginning in January 2018

If you haven't already done so, please come visit our Parent/Community room Tuesdays-Fridays (101) for community-based information and to receive information about volunteering at Gideon. If you have any questions about our newly developed SAC or parent/community room please call 215-400-7360.

Information from the reports and the latest school performance data is being used to determine what additional supports are needed to improve Gideon. In early February, we will come together as a school community to talk about school improvements, investments and supports.

Thank you for your continued commitment.

Sincerely,

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