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GATE Parents,

I would like to provide you with an update about the recent cuts to the GATE department budget for the 2017-18 school year. As you are most likely aware, the district is facing a \$124.4 million dollar deficit for the next school year. All central office departments have been impacted. In our attempt to keep the cuts away from the classroom the only impact to GATE will be to central office personnel. The GATE program will continue to exist within my department and will be managed by myself and the advanced studies office in secondary schools.

GATE testing will continue as will all GATE and Seminar classes. Additional supports will be provided to school site principals next year as we work toward a site-based model.

I have been working closely with GATE DAC on the transition and look forward to speaking at the next meeting on March 13. If you have additional questions please email me at jsolo@sandi.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Solo", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jim Solo
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