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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
FUCHS MIZRACHI SCHOOL

Dear Parents:

In our ever-evolving world, the mission of the Fuchs Mizrahi School is to provide each child with the content, skills and mindset to yield personal and professional success. Over the past few years, we have designed and executed an educational vision in which students engage in deep, rigorous, meaningful, and authentic learning experiences. We are proud of our enhanced structural and technological upgrades. Block scheduling, newly created flex space designed for student collaboration, and a 1:1 chromebook-to-student-ratio has taken project-based-learning to the next level in the Junior High and High School. We have come so far, yet we are always searching for ways to continue to improve our program.

This afternoon, our 6th grade students entered their general studies classrooms to discover that they will be taking part in an exciting initiative this year. They were warmly greeted by the teachers and administrators who had attended summer workshops in Chicago and San Francisco along with thousands of educators from across the country with the goal of bringing the **Summit Personalized Learning Program** to our Junior High.

The program, developed in part by educators at Stanford University through generous funding from the Gates Foundation and other leading philanthropists, provides a cohesive, systematic approach to developing self-directed learners. This is accomplished through a reimagined structure for teaching and learning including:

- **Project Time** where students apply the content that they have learned to real world situations in order to develop essential skills
- **Mentor Time** where students meet with a teacher each week to develop Habits of Success as they receive feedback and set long and short-term academic goals

- **Personalized Learning Time (PLT)** where students are challenged to work through playlists of self-selected resources at their own pace.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Julia Hodgkinson, a seasoned and accomplished educator, will serve as the lead teacher and will be communicating with our 6th grade parents with more details later this week. We are also making plans to utilize the platform in additional Junior High Math and Science classes.

Finally, our school will also benefit from a \$20,000 grant from the AviChai Foundation in recognition of our innovation as a leading Jewish Day School.

Thank you for partnering with us as we prepare our children to grow and thrive.

All the best,



Rabbi Benjamin Fried



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