



## From the Elementary to HMS...

### Getting there: What to do before entering HMS?

- Discuss current programming with 4<sup>th</sup> grade LBS (in/out? How does it look?)
- Attend spring IEP meeting to discuss your child's current programming and options at Highcrest.
- Review podcast from Dr. Palzet to explain transition process
- All fourth grade students attend HMS for an event in the spring
- Some fourth grade students tour HMS in the spring with their LBS or social worker
- Some parents tour HMS to observe specific programs
- August orientation for new fifth graders

### Understanding the Differences: Schedules and Services

- Academic Strategies and Foreign Language classes
- Homeroom, Team, and House
- Bell schedule, movement from class to class
- Special education instructional classes and Co-taught services (reading, writing and math)
- May switch general education classes to receive services
- Teams provide different services and offer certain foreign lang. classes
- Student Support Center

### School starts: Establish a connection

- LBS and related service provider will communicate with parents
- Establish a communication system with the case manager (LBS)
- The LBS is a valuable connection and key point person to the entire team