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Subject **{BVS Board} BVGT feedback - Douglass student**
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- My name is Katie Johnstone and **I'm a Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) parent. My two sons attend Douglass Elementary (2nd and 4th grades 2025-2026). My eldest, [redacted] 4th grade**
- I'd like to share a bit about my experience as it relates to the district's approach to Gifted and Talented (GT) education. I'm grateful for the current GT programming for my son at Douglass. He nee
- Additional advanced, perhaps more structured learning opportunities in support of gifted learners would be nice to see added to the GT programming. Of course this would take additional staff anc
- Giftedness is a type of neurodiversity, meaning your brain works differently from most people's brains. GT students often learn more quickly and understand topics with greater complexity and nua
- As of spring 2025, nearly 1 in 5 BVSD students had been identified as GT, making it the largest subpopulation in this school district.
- Regardless of which consolidation path BVSD takes in response to declining enrollment, every teacher in the district should be equipped to confidently meet the needs of every student in their cla
- **I support Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented's proposal that the BVSD school board require GT-informed training and support for *all* BVSD elementary teachers starting in the 2026-27**

Thank you for your consideration and your hard work on behalf of the students of Boulder Valley School District.

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With Gratitude,
Katie Johnstone
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