

Freedom Families,

We are excited to announce that we will be adding four more personalized learning studios at Freedom for the 2017-2018 school year. We would like to give you some important dates coming up where you can learn more about EPIC.

Who qualifies?

- Learners at Freedom Elementary who will be in grades 2nd through 5th grade during the 2017-2018 school year. (*Current learners in the program do not need to re-apply*)
- Parents will elect to have their learner participate.
- Selection for the program will happen in spring. You will learn about the selection process by attending one of the January meetings (times listed below)

What is the program?

- Personalized learning presents a desirable and doable vision that allows learning systems to:
 - Meet every learner at his/her learning level.
 - Provide learning opportunities that sync with the learner's most effective learning styles.
 - Allow the learner to study and learn skills and concepts using content that is relevant and interesting.
- The focus will be on incorporating learner voice and choice
- Teachers will be purposeful about focusing on the learner's strengths, how they acquire information, giving them a choice in how they express what they know and how they prefer to engage with the content.
- Technology will be utilized to further personalize learning and make the curriculum more flexible for learners.

Want to learn more? Please join us for a parent meetings on January 25th or January 26th at 7pm in the Freedom Gym. If your current learner is in EPIC, you **do not** need to attend these meetings, nor do you need to fill out the form below. If you attended last year's meetings and just want to fill out the registration form you may do so by clicking the link [HERE](#). Filling out the form only shows your interest, it does not automatically enroll you in the program.

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://docs.google.com/a/harrisburg.k12.sd.us/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVBn7DKoPa8PEqDk0cckfVIHwoLS8Ym1x3PfBHKxN7zUMSEA/viewform>

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