To the Parents of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

Your student has been selected to serve as a sixth grade Peer Helper for Trickum Middle School for the2017/2018 school year. This is both an honor and a privilege, as only a select number of students were chosen to participate after a screening and interview process. Our teachers identified your student as one who has the respect of his/her peers, has good communication skills, displays empathy and concern for others, has a sense of fairness and is responsible, has leadership potential, is friendly and welcoming towards others, and maintains good grades.

As a Peer Helper, your student will work to promote positive communication and interactions among the student body. As well as, help to create a supportive environment and experience for all students. The Peer Helpers may also assist with school activities involving elementary transitions and bully prevention programs. As a Peer Helper, your student will also be involved in tutoring other students and mentoring new students.

By participating in the Peer Helper Program at Trickum Middle School, your student will have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of his/her friends and classmates. Being a Peer Helper takes commitment. Students must maintain good grades and receive no discipline referrals. Students may be asked to participate in meetings and activities before school or during school.

Please find attached the Parent Permission form and the Peer Helper’s Commitment form that will need to be completed and returned to me by your student.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 770-279-6485 or [shiva\_walker@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:shiva_walker@gwinnett.k12.ga.us)

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shiva Walker

Trickum Middle School Counselor/Peer Helper Program Coordinator