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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The process of nominating students for possible inclusion in one or more G/T classes in middle school has begun. The G/T Education Program at the middle school level includes G/T content area classes in the following areas: mathematics, English, science, and social studies.

Your child can be nominated for testing according to one or more of the following criteria:

- Nomination by a classroom teacher, G/T Resource Teacher, or an administrator
- Nomination by a parent/guardian

Eligibility for G/T classes in middle school is determined using standardized test data and other performance indicators. This letter is to request permission to administer the advanced level *School and College Ability Test* (SCAT). The test has two parts:

- Math Reasoning Ability
- Verbal Reasoning Ability

All students complete both portions of the test.

If you would like your child to be tested for possible participation in middle school G/T classes, please sign below and return this letter to the G/T Resource Teacher at your school by **December 5, 2013.** Testing will take place in February in the G/T Resource Room and will last approximately one and one half hours. You will receive more information prior to the testing date.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jessica Warthen G/T Resource Teacher jwarthen@hcpss.org

I hereby give my consent for ______ in Grade _____ to be tested for consideration for Gifted and Talented Education Program classes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian