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Dear Parents:

The Connecticut State Department of Education requires all Connecticut school districts to identify gifted children. In this effort, Fairfield Public Schools administered the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and the Naglieri 3rd edition (NNAT3) to your child in October 2017. The results of the CogAT and the NNAT3 for your child are available in the IC backpack.

The CogAT is a whole class administered test used to assess students' abilities in reasoning and problem solving using verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal symbols. If the CogAT Composite Standard Age Score is 135 or higher, your child qualifies for gifted education services under Fairfield Public Schools' guidelines. Please visit www.cogat.com to learn more about the test and for an interpretation of results.

The NNAT3 is a brief, whole class administered nonverbal measure of general ability. Each student's ability is measured using a set of items, sometimes referred to as a figural matrix, containing pictures that form a pattern without requiring students to read, write or speak. The items are considered nonverbal because the designs require spatial analysis, while not requiring verbal knowledge or skills. A score of 135 or higher qualifies your child for gifted education services under Fairfield Public Schools' guidelines. All newly identified third-grade students will be included in the gifted education program starting in January 2019.

For children who did not qualify for gifted education services but scored between 125-134 on the composite CogAT or the NNAT3, you can submit a 'request for review' application with your school's gifted teacher by November 16, 2018. This will start a process to review additional performance data to consider your child for gifted education services.

The Fairfield Public Schools Gifted Education Program guide can answer any questions you may have about identification criteria and programming. This guide and the request for review form can be found at the school district's [website](#).

Please read through the CogAT profile results found in the link above and the Fairfield Public Schools Gifted Education Program guide carefully. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the gifted teacher or principal of your school.

Sincerely,

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