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Dear Third Grade Parent / Guardian:

On Thursday, March 9th, third grade students at the Harrison Township Elementary School will participate in the administration of the *Test of Mathematical Abilities for Gifted Students (TOMAGS)* assessment. This Assessment is a standardized norm-referenced test designed to assess mathematical talent in students. The *TOMAGS* is often used as a screening tool for talented and gifted programs and helps to identify varying degrees of mathematical talent.

The *TOMAGS* will be administered once during your child's elementary career. Historically, we only gave the assessment to students that scored high on the MAP and/or PARCC assessments and/or were recommended by the classroom teacher based on classroom performance. In order to provide all students with the opportunity to be considered for enrichment instruction in fourth grade, we have elected to assess all students.

There is no preparation needed for this test since it is designed to measure mathematical giftedness. The *TOMAGS* requires students to use mathematical reasoning and problem solving skills to understand how to communicate mathematically to solve problems. Students should not be discouraged by the difficulty of the assessment. There will be problems they do not know.

We can offer three clues to better success on the assessment, students should; 1) attempt all answers and use units when appropriate; incomplete answers are wrong, 2) try their best and use all of the allotted time, and 3) get a good night's sleep and have a hearty breakfast the days of testing.

If you have any questions about this assessment, please feel free to call the Curriculum Office at 856.478.2016 extension 7169.

Sincerely,



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