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Dear Parent/Guardian:

September, 2011

On October 21, 2004, the Board of Education approved universal testing in district third grade classes. The *Otis-Lennon School Ability Test, 8th edition, (OLSAT-8)*, will be administered by your child's teacher between September 19th and 23rd. This test, which takes about 50 minutes of class time to administer (10 minutes to pass out supplies, read directions, and do sample questions and 40 minutes to administer and complete the actual test), measures your child's verbal and nonverbal abstract reasoning. The publishers score the tests and provide a plethora of information to be used by parents and teachers. Test results will be mailed in January. Information about the test and the child's performance will provide information to assist with understanding your child's strengths and weaknesses and can help direct the students' learning activities and identify areas of interest. Explanations and interpretations of your child's scores will help you to understand your child's performance. The final use of this *OLSAT* information is to screen third graders for the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program.

If you choose **not** to have your child participate, please return the *Request to Not Participate in Third Grade Universal Testing* form **NO LATER THAN Monday, September 12, 2011.** (See below.)

If your child is absent when his/her teacher tests, he/she should come to the District Office, 526 B Street, at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, September 28th, to take a make-up test.

A final make-up session for 3rd graders **who have not been tested** will be at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at the District Office. No other district testing will be offered after that date.

A final word to all parents and guardians: ***please allow your child to take this test with no stress about how it will be used. Proctors will explain that "the test gives adults information about how the students think and why they find some things easy and some things more difficult."*** Children usually enjoy the testing activities because they are more like puzzles, and, obviously, they do better if they are **not** stressed so please do not announce this as the GATE test; GATE qualification is only **one way** data are used.

Please feel free to call or email Deanne Quinn, GATE Coordinator, if you have any questions. She can be reached at 757-5300 ext. 147 or dquinn@djUSD.k12.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Deanne Quinn

Request to NOT participate in Third Grade Universal Testing

3rd Grade Student's Name _____ Date _____
 School _____ Classroom Teacher _____

I am requesting that my son/daughter NOT participate in the OLSAT-8, Universal Testing.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Due by: 9/12/11. Mail or hand deliver to DJUSD, GATE Office, 526 B Street, Davis, CA 95616, or fax to (530) 757-5423, or scan and email to dquinn@djUSD.k12.ca.us