

**Roseland Board of Education**  
**Lester C. Noecker School**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope everyone is off to a great start as we share the following important information to keep you all informed. On September 28, 2017 all students in Grades 2 and 5 will complete **The Insight** test of cognitive ability, an easy to complete 45-minute assessment, providing us with helpful and needed results to inform decisions about our Gifted and Talented program and general instruction.

Students will be taking only 3 of the 7 sub tests geared to assess higher level thinking skills. The assessment measures a variety of abilities including but not limited to; critical thinking, problem solving, crystallized knowledge, memory, and language. Turn around results are provided in approximately two to three weeks with itemized reports for parents and guidelines for meaning and use.

**Insight** is a group-administered test of cognitive abilities for students, based upon the Cattell-Horn-Carroll (CHC) theory of cognitive abilities. Probably the best known and most widely accepted theory of intellectual factors, John Carroll has described this model as appearing to offer "the most well-founded and reasonable approach to an acceptable theory of the structure of cognitive abilities" (1993). <http://www.online-iqtest.co.uk/cattell-horn-carroll-theory>.

**Insight** represents a significant advance in the development of group-administered ability tests for students, breaking free from the existing cadre of such tests. It is the first group-administered test to utilize completely the CHC theory of human cognitive abilities. We are confident that this opportunity and approach to utilize **Insight** will deliver a healthy balance of minimum time to administer the test while providing timely helpful data to help us best meet the needs of all students.

With the continued focus on accountability and assessments, we chose **Insight** for their field tested validity, reliability, ease of implementation, and useful results. With the transitions of NJASK and Spring dates for PARCC, **Insight** fits in well as an early Fall opportunity for our students, parents, and staff.

Please feel free to contact us at 973-226-7644, if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robyn P. Greenwald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robyn P. Greenwald  
Principal