## Roseland Board of Education Lester C. Noecker School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope everyone is off to a great start so far this school year! This letter is to inform you that all new students in Grades 3-6 will complete the *Insight* test of cognitive ability, a 45-minute assessment that provides us with helpful and needed results to inform decisions about our Gifted and Talented pull-out program in the upper grades and general instruction. New students in Grades 3 and 4 will complete the test on Thursday, October 5, 2017; new students in Grade 6 will complete the test on Friday, October 6, 2017.

The assessment measures a variety of abilities including 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)

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.

With the continued focus on accountability and assessments, we chose Insight for their field tested validity, reliability, ease of implementation, and useful results. Please feel free to contact us at 973-226-7644 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Robyn P. Greenwald, Principal