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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The York Region District School Board offers the opportunity for all students in grade three to participate in system wide screening for possible identification as a Gifted student. This year's grade 3 Gifted screening procedure is a two stage process.

Stage One of the screening will take place sometime between December 7th and December 18th, 2015. The students will be given the **Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT)** a test of cognitive abilities (thinking and reasoning skills). It takes approximately 90 minutes to complete all three sections of the test. Each student will complete the test at the same time as their classmates, and will be supervised by a teacher.

Only those students who score at the top levels of those being screened on the **CCAT** will be considered for Stage Two, an intellectual screening with a member of the YRDSB Psychological Services department. **If** your child qualifies for Stage Two, you will receive a 'Consent for Intellectual Screening' form in the first week of February 2016. Stage Two screenings will take place in the school between February 8th and 19th, 2016. Brief reports outlining the findings of Stage Two screening will be provided for all students once Stage Two is complete.

Students who meet the YRDSB intellectual criterion on the individual screening will be considered for possible identification as Intellectually Gifted through the Identification, Placement, Review Committee (IPRC) process. Parents/Guardians of those students who meet the criterion will be notified in writing during the first week of March, 2016.

If you do **NOT** want your child to participate in Stage One of the gifted screening process please inform me in writing by **December 4th, 2015**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Principal, Milliken Mills PS

