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Dear Parents/Guardians of first- second- third- and fourth- grade students:

The Highly Capable program in Everett Public Schools is designed to meet learning needs and challenge students who have advanced thinking and academic abilities. “HC” classes, as they are often referred to, are open to students in second, third, fourth and fifth grade.

HC students learn and study in self-contained classrooms with a fast-paced curriculum that encourages and inspires them to develop higher level thinking skills. HC classrooms are held in specific schools in the district, based upon qualified enrollment. The district provides transportation to students in HC classes.

Would you like more information? Parents who do not already have students enrolled in HC classes are invited to attend an information night at one of the locations listed below. We will have childcare available and Russian and Spanish interpreters.

<u>Monday, November 6</u>	<i>Whittier Elementary – Cafeteria</i> <i>916 Oakes Ave., Everett 98201</i>	<i>7:00 pm – 8:00 pm</i>
<u>Tuesday, November 14</u>	<i>Penny Creek Elementary – Cafeteria</i> <i>4117 133rd St. SE, Everett 98208</i>	<i>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</i>
<u>Thursday, November 16</u>	<i>Emerson Elementary – Cafeteria</i> <i>8702 7th Ave SE, Everett 98208</i>	<i>7:00 pm – 8:00pm</i>
<u>Monday, November 20</u>	<i>Silver Lake Elementary – Cafeteria</i> <i>12815 Bothell-Everett Hwy., Everett 98208</i>	<i>7:00 pm – 8:00pm</i>

If the weather turns bad, check the Everett Public Schools website at www.everettsd.org for details about meeting cancellations or schedule changes.

What do I do if I want my child considered for an HC class next year?

The process is easy. Simply complete a *Referral/Testing Permission Form* and *Parent Inventory Form*. You may want to talk with your child’s teacher before deciding whether to refer your child.

Teachers and community members may also refer a student, but only a parent or guardian can give permission to test.

How can I get a copy of the required forms?

Referral forms will be available beginning Oct. 23, 2017

- ☐ in all elementary school offices
- ☐ from the Highly Capable Office by calling 425-385-4033
- ☐ on the Everett Public Schools website: www.everettsd.org/Page/6668

What is the deadline for turning in the forms?

The referral deadline is **Dec. 1, 2017.**

Testing takes place during mid-January through early February. The Selection Committee will meet in March. By mid-April, parents will receive a letter in the mail with the test results and the Committee's decision about HC enrollment for next fall.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 425-385-4033.

Sincerely,



Becky Ballbach, Director
Student Support Services
425-385-4033

Simple step-by-step process for having your child considered for Highly Capable classes next fall.

- 1. Come to one of the information sessions detailed on the first side of this letter.**
- 2. Check with your teacher about whether your child is a good match for Highly Capable curriculum.**
- 3. Fill out the forms described on the other side of this letter. (Details about how to get copies of the forms are also on the other side.)**
- 4. Return the forms by Dec. 1, 2017.**
- 5. Help your child be ready for January testing by ensuring a good night's rest and a good breakfast on test day.**
- 6. Wait for test results and the Selection Committee's decision mailed by mid-April.**