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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As your child continues into the next school year in the Tinton Falls School District, our Gifted and Talented programming will continue to be offered in the 2026-27 school year. Our T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Enriching, Advancing, and Motivating) program consists of In-Class Enrichment for all students in Kindergarten through Third Grade. Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders identified through the rubric below participate in a pull-out program two times a week. In addition, opportunities for Enrichment for All Students will be offered through the following: Math Olympiads (grades 4th-5th), Passion Projects (grades 3rd-5th), W.I.N (What I Need Period, Grades K-5).

The following outlines the process for identification:

Step 1:

- Teachers and/or parents nominate eligible students in current Grades 2, 3, or 4. Parents who wish to nominate their child, please complete the Google Form by **May 15, 2026**.
    - Parent/Guardian Recommendation Form
    - **Please Note**: Students currently participating in the T.E.A.M. program do **not** need to be nominated again, as they will continue in the program next year. However, students who are **not** currently in T.E.A.M. may be nominated even if they have been nominated in previous years.

Step 2:

- Students will be assessed prior to the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Results will be reviewed by staff using a rubric. Final identification is based on multiple measures. Criteria include:

IDENTIFICATION PROCESS	
MATH MEASURES	**ELA MEASURES**
• Parent/Guardian Recommendation (Spring 2026) • Teacher Rating Scale (Spring 2026) • i-Ready Assessment 2nd-5th Grade (Spring 2026) • Cognitive Abilities Assessment (June 2026)	• Parent/Guardian Recommendation (Spring 2026) • Teacher Rating Scale (Spring 2026) • DIBELS K-3 (Spring 2026) • i-Ready Assessment 2nd-5th Grade (Spring 2026)

We anticipate that notification regarding placement will be sent via email with families in late June or early July. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 732-460-2408.

Sincerely,

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