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Subject: Child Find Assessment

Dear Third Grade Parent or Guardian:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act includes a Child Find mandate. Child Find requires all school districts to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. This obligation to identify all children who may need special education services exists even if the school is not providing special education services to the child.

On Tuesday, October 3, 2023, the Charleroi Area School District will be assessing all third-grade students using the Otis Lennon School Ability Test, 8th Edition (OLSAT). The OLSAT is a group-administered assessment that evaluates students' thinking skills and provides an understanding of their relative strengths and weaknesses in performing a variety of reasoning tasks. The information allows educators to design education programs that will enhance students' strengths while supporting their learning needs.

OLSAT-8 specifically assesses those abilities that are required for success in school. Tasks such as detecting similarities and differences, recalling words and numbers, defining words, following directions, classifying, establishing sequence, solving mathematical problems, and completing analogies are included. The OLSAT is a timed multiple-choice test taking approximately one hour to administer.

If you have any questions about this assessment, please contact Carla Herrnberger, Director of Special Education.

Sincerely,

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