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Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the week of December 3-7, all third and sixth grade students in Union County Public Schools (UCPS) have the opportunity to participate in the Cognitive Abilities Test or CogAT. This assessment is an aptitude test composed of three batteries: Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal.

The district-administered CogAT is a universal screener. A universal screener is an assessment offered to all students in certain grade levels to provide equal access of opportunity to educational programming. To provide equal access to the assessment, UCPS will follow federal, state, and local regulations and policy that are applicable in administering an aptitude test.

The information from the CogAT is valuable in making instructional and other academic planning decisions for students. The results from the assessment produce individual student learning profiles. Schools will use the individual learning profiles to plan appropriate instructional strategies for each student. The CogAT scores also assist educators in identifying students who may benefit from gifted services and/or multi-tiered support systems.

The best way to help prepare a child for this test is to make sure they get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast on the morning of the assessment. CogAT results should be available in January.

Please contact your student's school with any questions or concerns regarding the CogAT assessment. Thank you for your continued support of Union County Public Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia D. Hogston".

Cynthia D. Hogston, Ed.D
Director of Federal Programs and AIG
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