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Dear Families,

We recognize that you are eager to find out whether your child is eligible to participate in AIG testing this summer. Due to COVID-19, we are unable to offer summer assessment opportunities as we normally would as all school buildings remain closed. AIG assessments will resume when students return to school. If this plan should change due to extenuating circumstances, we will notify families with additional information.

We thank you for your patience as we worked closely with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and AIG stakeholders to make recommendations to modify a few of our practices due to school closures. The UCPS School Board has recently approved the following recommendations:

**Screening Processes Modifications:**

*These modifications change original spring testing recommendations as types of tests offered changes with new student data points.*

- Use of alternative data points to make further recommendations.
  - Alternative data points include BOG, one-year-old EOG and CogAT Scores, 2019 Summer Testing Results, and/or one-year-old approved nationally normed assessments.
- Complete assessment processes once students return to school.
- Notification of outcome to be shared with families once students return to school.
- Recommendations for select students to participate in school talent development programs (*optional and school specific*).

**Identification Modifications:**

*The identification criteria remain the same, the age of the data we can use expands.*

- No private testing will be accepted to keep the process equitable.
- Students who have data to support further assessment will be offered an opportunity only if they were not previously assessed during 2019-20.
- Notification of outcome to be shared with families once students return to school.
- Previous identification to be honored for one year if a student withdraws from UCPS.

For more information, view the executive summary of the UCPS School Board approved Spring School Closure AIG Addendum at <https://bit.ly/2UwUDvj> or email [aig.summertesting@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aig.summertesting@ucps.k12.nc.us). If you prefer to speak to someone directly, you can contact the AIG Teacher at your child's school upon their return. If you are unsure of who that is, ask the office personnel and leave a message.

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