**School District/School Name**

Address

NOTE TO SCHOOL: please replace highlighted sections to fit your school’s situation

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Congratulations! Your child’s very strong performance on a standardized test(s) qualifies him/her to participate in above-level testing in partnership with the University of Iowa’s Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development.

High-ability students tend to score very highly on grade-level standardized tests. If they’re scoring at the 90th percentile or higher on any subject, they have reached the ceiling of that test. We know they have mastered most of the items on the grade-level test, but we don’t know how much more challenge they need.

Above-level testing can inform parents and educators about readiness for advanced curriculum. Students will take the ACT® Test, which was designed by ACT for recent high school graduates as a college entrance exam. Additional information is available at **belinblank.org/testing**.

There are many benefits for students who take an above-level test. Perhaps the most important research-supported benefit is that mere participation in above-level testing (also known as Talent Search) has been found to result in approximately three months additional academic growth beyond the normal growth. For students who participated in the testing and combined it with educational offerings that promote talent development, their growth was over one and one-half years beyond the expected academic growth.

If you would like your child to participate, please register online at **belinblank.org/testing**. Fees are also listed on this website.

I encourage you to consider this exciting opportunity for your child. The results of this above-grade-level test can provide helpful data regarding your child’s educational needs.

Sincerely,

[TEACHER AND/OR PRINCIPAL NAME]