To the parent(s) of identified gifted and talent pool students:

The information in the box below explains how the district will use upcoming state assessment data for our identified gifted and talent pool students.

Colorado Measures of Student Success (CMAS)/Partnerships for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC)

A primary goal for gifted programming is to ensure students are provided challenging and rigorous course work in preparation for college and/or career success.

New assessments are important for gifted students because they:

- Provide data to teachers to improve advanced instructional strategies;
- Provide parents information on their child’s learning and growth;
- Require students to move beyond basic multiple choice responses; instead, asking students to support their thinking, show evidence, analyze, compare and contrast and demonstrate reasoning;
- Require students to apply skills critical to prepare them for future academic work in high school and college;
- Provide students the opportunity to engage with testing platforms similar to those that will be used to determine college admittance.

Please consider this information, along with other data you have already gathered, as you make an informed decision about your child’s participation in the state assessment process this April.

Sincerely,
Karen Kendig
Elizabeth C-1 School District Gifted Education Coordinator

Elizabeth School District Mission

To provide our students with excellent and diverse learning opportunities that inspire passion for learning, develop individual potential, and prepare them for a successful future.