Dear Parent/Guardian of ____________________________

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been identified as eligible to participate in **Northwestern University’s Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS)** sponsored by the Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University.

Your child is eligible based on one or more of the following criteria:
- Qualification for a school gifted program
- Achievement test scores
- Recommendation by a teacher

**NUMATS** is a research-validated, above-grade-level testing program that offers EXPLORE, ACT, and SAT to eligible students in grades 3 through 9. These tests are internationally recognized measures of academic ability designed for older students. Studies show that there are definite and large ability differences among students who score in the top 10 percent on grade-level tests. When these students take tests meant for older students, the differences are more apparent, instruction can be better adapted to meet their individual needs, and academic growth can be measured with greater accuracy.

Although participation in **NUMATS** is voluntary, students like your child can benefit from:
- Information about their academic ability that grade-level tests do not provide
- Academic planning and resource options based on test scores
- Information about education programs for gifted students
- Opportunities to participate online in discussion groups with other gifted students throughout the Midwest and beyond
- Experience and practice taking EXPLORE, ACT, and SAT, which are used to measure college and career readiness

The **NUMATS Family Handbook 2016** I sent home with your child provides detailed information about the program, test dates, registration guidelines, and **student identification requirements**. Online registration is preferred and most efficient. Do pay close attention to registration deadlines and note that refunds are not provided.

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I encourage you to consider this opportunity carefully and discuss the benefits of **NUMATS** assessment with your child. If you have any questions concerning the testing process or the value of participating, please contact me at ____________________________.

Sincerely,
**NUMATS Coordinator**