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#### Annual Public Notification

West Valley School District will begin the initial stages of the identification process for highly capable services in all buildings in grades K-8. Fall i-Ready Reading and Math Assessments scores, STAR 360 Assessment scores, along with teacher and parent input will be used to begin to identify possible candidates for highly capable services.

Highly Capable Services offer challenging and rigorous curriculum to students who have demonstrated cognitive ability, specific academic achievement and exceptional creativity. Highly capable services (Beyond benchmark) will be provided in each elementary school in grades kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> as well as self-contained PAL classrooms in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades at Wide Hollow Elementary. Students most likely to benefit from Highly Capable Services exhibit high capability in intellectual and/or creative areas, possess an unusual leadership capacity, or excel in specific academic fields, thereby requiring services beyond the basic program.

All West Valley schools will be accepting nominations from parents, teachers and community members of students for highly capable services in January. More information regarding nominations will follow.

Please contact your building principal should you have questions regarding highly capable services (Beyond Benchmark) available in your child's school.

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