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Dear Parents/Guardians of 3rd Grade Students and GATE Students,

Due to severe funding reductions, the State of California allowed school districts to use GATE and certain other special funds to pay for basic educational operations. In a public meeting on June 14, 2010, our Millbrae Board approved the decision to move GATE funds to cover general classroom and program costs. This helped us avoid deeper cuts to our schools beginning with this school year, 2010-2011.

To date, our GATE Consortium has few plans in place.

- Millbrae has no GATE program scheduled for the summer of 2011.
- Burlingame is still developing proposals for review. Classroom instruction is moving towards differentiation in the classroom and embedding GATE in the school day. Plans are still in the works.
- San Bruno has no GATE program scheduled or planned for 2010-2011 and will not have new identifications. San Bruno is looking at a *possible* camp based on donations and provided by a service organization. Plans are still in the works.

Millbrae will continue identification of students as this assists schools with appropriate student placements in classrooms and programs. Our assessment date for grade 3 students will take place on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at each elementary school.

We are working on a Parent Committee as well as a Teacher/Administrator Curriculum Committee to bring together ideas and resources to look at other ways of providing enriching, meaningful learning activities for our GATE students.

We will be sure to keep our parents and schools informed as more information and plans are in place and as we become more creative in our thinking in serving the needs of our students with less resources.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Luna, Superintendent

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