

MEMO

To: Eugene Butler, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services

From: Martha Taylor (ALE Director) and Helen LePage (GATE Coordinator)

Re: Elimination of OLSAT

Date: September 4, 2014

The ALE Department, in collaboration with the GATE and Language Acquisition Department, made the decision to eliminate use of the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) in the testing of kindergarten students for TUSD GATE services beginning in the SY 2014-15 for placement in SY 2015-16. This decision was made in order to implement an assessment that aligned with the cognitive assessment being given in grades 1-7 (Cognitive Abilities Test) and because of information from a consulted expert who described the OLSAT as not being fully equitable for all students, based on research and data.