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Dear Parent/Guardian:

After the 2013-2014 school year, Connecticut will be replacing the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) with the Smarter Balanced Test for Language Arts and Mathematics. During this school year (2013-2014), the Connecticut State Department of Education is allowing districts to voluntarily participate in the Smarter Balanced Field Test. The Wallingford Public Schools have chosen to do so and will be administering the Smarter Balanced Test instead of the CMT and the CAPT this year. This opportunity is critical to prepare all students for 2014-15 when the Smarter Balanced Assessment will be the only statewide test administered for Language Arts and Mathematics. The Smarter Balanced Field Test will take place from March 18 – June 6, 2014.

This change in testing will impact your child's individualized education program (IEP) in this way: Your child's current IEP will need to be updated to reflect this new assessment and ensure that he/she is receiving the appropriate accommodations on the new assessment. Many accommodations that were previously included on the IEP are already incorporated into the new Smarter Balanced Field Test as supports available to all students. To help ensure that we are providing accommodations appropriate for your child on the Smarter Balanced Test, it is necessary to amend page 9 of your child's IEP. This requires parental consent and use of Form ED634 (*Agreement to Change an Individualized Education Program without Convening a Planning and Placement Team Meeting*).

Included with this letter are a copy of the amended pages of your child's IEP and the ED634 form for you to sign indicating your agreement with the proposed changes in accommodations; please sign and return the form to your child's case manager. Upon request, you will also be provided with a revised copy of the full IEP with the amendments incorporated.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss these changes at a PPT meeting rather than amend the IEP through use of Form ED634, please contact your child's case manager.

Sincerely,

Robert Mancusi
Director of Pupil Personnel Services