



Transcript from January 29, 2010 to January 29, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

January 29, 2010

- 4:46 am **DeborahMersino:** "Coping w/ GT Program Cuts: Pragmatic Survival Tips" will be the topic of noon/EST #gtchat. #gifted
- 4:47 am **DeborahMersino:** "Delving into the Digital Age: Tools, Resources & Tips" will be the 7pm/EST #gtchat topic. #gifted
- 5:28 am **wggifted:** RT @DeborahMersino "Coping w/ GT Program Cuts: Pragmatic Survival Tips" will be the topic of noon/EST #gtchat. #gifted
- 7:02 am **giftedmum:** @BrendonWalker its Ok I got it #gtChat
- 7:03 am **BrendonWalker:** @Giftedmum Heay. 4am & 11am #gtchat @DeborahMersino is coordinating. Can't make it this week but you will enjoy :)
- 7:04 am **giftedmum:** RT @BrendonWalker: @Giftedmum Heay. 4am & 11am #gtchat @DeborahMersino is coordinating. Can't make it this week but you will enjoy :)
- 7:38 am **giftedmum:** #gifted kids #2E resources & information #gtchat <http://www.cde.state.co.us/gt/download/pdf/ TwiceExceptionalResourceHandbook.pdf>
- 8:51 am **teachagiftedkid:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Coping w/ GT Program Cuts: Pragmatic Survival Tips" will be the topic of noon/EST #gtchat. #gifted
- 8:51 am **teachagiftedkid:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Delving into the Digital Age: Tools, Resources & Tips" will be the 7pm/EST #gtchat topic. #gifted
- 9:39 am **soundsuccess:** Hope you all enjoy #gtchat Wish I could join you but schedule doesn't allow. Will catch up later. Best wishes
- 11:29 am **cybraryman1:** RT @teachagiftedkid: RT @DeborahMersino: Coping w/ GT Program Cuts: Pragmatic Survival Tips noon/EST today! #gtchat. #gifted
- 11:30 am **JeanneBernish:** RT @cybraryman1 @teachagiftedkid @DeborahMersino: Coping w/ GT Program Cuts: Pragmatic Survival Tips noon/EST today! #gtchat #gifted
- 11:30 am **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: Delving into the Digital Age: Tools, Resources & Tips will be the 7pm/EST today for #gtchat
- 11:42 am **BrendonWalker:** #gtchat have a great chat everyone! I'll be fast asleep for this one :)
- 1:11 pm **giftedmum:** @aspergers2mom thanks.... off 2 try & catch some sleep as I would love 2b part of the #gtchat in 4 hours time (my 4am) gifted children chat
- 1:59 pm **pamfr:** Daunting RT @DeborahMersino "Coping w/ GT Program Cuts: Pragmatic Survival Tips" will be the topic of noon/EST #gtchat
- 2:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @PamFR - Daunting...excellent descriptor. #gtchat
- 2:52 pm **educatoral:** RT @cybraryman1: RT @DeborahMersino: Delving into the Digital Age: Tools, Resources & Tips will be the 7pm/EST today for #gtchat
- 3:31 pm **cybraryman1:** UK Pulls the Plug on National GT Program from Gifted Exchange blog: <http://bit.ly/csrO3v> #gtchat #gifted
- 3:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cfertig1 - So sorry I haven't gotten back to you! I hope you'll consider joining us for today's noon/EST #gtchat. We need your voice.
- 3:59 **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: UK Pulls the Plug on National GT Program from Gifted

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Exchange blog: <http://bit.ly/csrO3v> #gtchat #gifted

4:01 pm

DeborahMersino: We're one hour away from #gtchat. Topic: "Coping with GT Program Cuts: Pragmatic Survival Tips." Join us.

4:02 pm

kidlutions: RT @DeborahMersino: We're one hour away from #gtchat. Topic: "Coping with GT Program Cuts: Pragmatic Survival Tips." Join us.

4:25 pm

DeborahMersino: @educatoral @cybraryman1 @PamFR @JeanneBernish @BrendonWalker @wggifted @JenRBoyd - TY for spreading the word #gtchat

4:34 pm

DeborahMersino: In prep for our noon #gtchat: Our Shameful National Commitment to #Gifted & Talented Children from @PrufrockPress <http://bit.ly/4ncYeN>

4:42 pm

DeborahMersino: Noon #gtchat prep RT @cybraryman1 UK Pulls the Plug on National GT Program from Gifted Exchange blog: <http://bit.ly/csrO3v> #gtchat #gifted

4:53 pm

gifts2love: RT @DeborahMersino: We're one hour away from #gtchat. Topic: "Coping with GT Program Cuts: Pragmatic Survival Tips." Join us.

4:59 pm

DeborahMersino: My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat.

5:00 pm

DeborahMersino: Welcome to #gtchat ! Today's topic: "Coping w/ GT Program Cuts: Pragmatic Survival Strategies."

5:01 pm

DeborahMersino: Be sure to include the hashtag #gtchat in your tweets!

5:02 pm

DeborahMersino: Before we begin, please introduce yourself, your role (parent, teacher, advocate) and where you reside. #gtchat

5:03 pm

DavidsonGifted: #gtchat Rebecca, Family Consultant Davidson Institute Talent Development

5:03 pm

gifts2love: #gtchat - Missy Bedell, parent, gifted blogger, Ohio

5:03 pm

DeborahMersino: I'm a GT consultant and parent to two gifted girls. We're facing possible elimination of our gifted program in 2010-2011. #gtchat

5:03 pm

CathRiordan: #gtchat Hi folks! Parent and advocate from Ireland.

5:04 pm

prufrockpress: My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. #gtchat

5:04 pm

MattSL: Trainer and tutor for UK G&T Progression Academy (funding just withdrawn) #gtchat

5:05 pm

DeborahMersino: Cuts are happening across the globe. Without throwing our hands up, what can we do? I'll post possible strategies & welcome feedback #gtchat

5:05 pm

prufrockpress: I'm Joel McIntosh, publisher at Prufrock Press (gifted education publisher) #gtchat. #gtchat

5:06 pm

DeborahMersino: Obvious, but challenging strategies: Increase macro/micro advocacy, get creative re to schooling options and learning. #gtchat

5:07 pm

CathRiordan: #gtchat Had state funding for one uni-based G&T prog until last year. Now none at all. Never had school progs in Ireland.

5:07 pm

cybraryman1: You have to first research the ed dept requirements for the gifted are & what funding is available (local, federal, etc.) #gtchat

5:07 pm

DavidsonGifted: #gtchat while cuts are happening in gifted folks may want to look into other cost effective options for gifted students <http://bit.ly/8RmYu>

5:08 pm

DeborahMersino: Worth reading after #gtchat: Our Shameful National Commitment to #Gifted & Talented Children from @PrufrockPress <http://bit.ly/4ncYeN>

5:08 pm

gifts2love: #gtchat - I think one problem, Deborah, is that many families "suffer in silence" about their gifted children, for fear of repercussions.

5:00

MattSL: With central funding restricted & a shift of part of state funds, parents responsible for

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- 5:09 pm **MattSL:** with central funding restricted & a shift of govt agenda, corporate sponsorship is needed to support the development & growth of G&T #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Could you share a bit about what's in the link? #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @MattSL: With central funding restricted & a shift of govt agenda, corporate sponsorship is needed to support the development & growth of G&T #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat one creative, cost effective option can be acceleration or grade skipping <http://bit.ly/17T65I>
- 5:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MattSL - Brilliant. #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **prufrockpress:** My point in that blog was that we'll never have a national commitment, I think gifted funding will always be state and local #gtchat #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** @CathRiordan - What do parents of #gifted do in Ireland? #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **CathRiordan:** #gtchat Difficult to push for GT support when supports for SENs involving disability have been decimated here. Neg perceptions don't help.
- 5:11 pm **gifts2love:** #gtchat - I like wht u say abt macro/micro advocacy. Unless/until there is a sustained push for gifted advccy, it'll be an easily cut prgrm
- 5:11 pm **eagledawg:** #gtchat I'm Nikki, mom in Seattle w/7yr 2E and mostly lurking (working) WA state ed in serious trouble, hear rumors of axed gifted funding
- 5:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Looks like we have a smaller #gtchat this morning, but I'm glad you're all here!
- 5:12 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @MattSL- Interesting thought, what do you mean by corporate sponsorship of gt programs?
- 5:12 pm **CathRiordan:** #gtchat We educate ourselves and try to get individual teachers on board if we can. Supporting each other vital
- 5:12 pm **prufrockpress:** #gtchat One of the challenges in an age of gifted budget cuts is how to handle effective teacher training. #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - I agree. I think visionary corporate leaders might actually get it. After all, it's our future! #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **mygiftedgirl:** concern- many parents just happy kids are in program PerioD. dont know big issues :(#gtchat
- 5:13 pm **gifts2love:** #gtchat - I'd like to hear more about grade acceleration - are schools receptive to this @DavidsonGifted?
- 5:13 pm **cybraryman1:** If schools had students grouped according to ability it would not be a problem. GT group would be at highest ability group level. #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @PrufrockPress - So true. If GT gets axe in our district, classroom teachers will be all that's left. Many don't understand #gifted #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **prufrockpress:** #gtchat Acceleration and grade skipping are great options, but the commitment to teacher training must be there for it to work. #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **Giftedkidsie:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat They educate themselves on the subject, join support groups such as @Giftedkidsie & become gifted advocates!
- 5:14 pm **CathRiordan:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Is 5pm here, so kids getting in from school etc. Might have more of us at next!
- 5:15 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat teacher training can be difficult, check out our free ed guild for teacher training opportunities <http://bit.ly/17T65I>
- 5:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - Agreed. But that highest group needs a teacher trained in GT. #gtchat. However, grouping is better than nothing.
- 5:16 pm **cybraryman1:** @DavidsonGifted Grade skipping has advantages and disadvantages. Most schools do not like grade skipping. #gtchat

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- 5:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - IY for posting resources. I encourage everyone to view the links after the transcripts are posted. #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @gifts2love it depends on the school and their knowledge and experience with gifted students and the research
- 5:16 pm **prufrockpress:** #gtchat Unfortunately, in the US, the days of the homogeneously grouped gifted class are passed. Most classes are mixed-ability. #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **cybraryman1:** GT students should definitely have a highly trained and caring GT teacher. That goes without saying #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Some other potential strategies: Using digital resources (EPGY, CTY Online) and homeschooling is an option. Moving schools. #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @gifts2love parents can help educators learn more about acceleration research here <http://bit.ly/17T65I>
- 5:17 pm **prufrockpress:** #gtchat So, teacher training in differentiation is critical. Differentiating for all kids gets lots of lip service; little practice. #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat in our experience with PG students, research shows grade skipping is good option for most in the 99.9%
- 5:18 pm **Giftedkidsie:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat @gifts2love parents can help educators learn more about acceleration research here <http://bit.ly/17T65I>
- 5:18 pm **gifts2love:** @DavidsonGifted thank you for that link - #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **MattSL:** Private sector must be obligated to re-invest in community to benefit recovery & sustainability. Developing gifted yp to lead is key #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @prufrockpress: #gtchat So, teacher training in differentiation is critical. Differentiating for all kids gets lots of lip service; little practice. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - I know that YOU know that...just want it to be a reality. :) #gtchat.
- 5:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MattSL - "yp" youth program, young professionals? #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **prufrockpress:** #gtchat Unfortunately, corporate sponsorship is unlikely. Gifted just isn't a popular "cause" to adopt. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @MattSL: Private sector must be obligated to re-invest in community to benefit recovery & sustainability. Developing gifted yp to lead is key #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @cybraryman1 true, many schools do not like grade skipping, we work hard to advocate for this an an effective option
- 5:20 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @gifts2love- Youre welcome, please message us directly if you have additional questions about your state
- 5:20 pm **prufrockpress:** Makes me wonder if there is room for a book on the topic of "teaching gifted kids on a shoestring" :) #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** B/c education is local, corporate sponsorships might work (gifted wind up fleeing communities). #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - YES! We need it!! #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** I heard yesterday that 20 families w/gifted children in our community are leaving our public schools/city. #gtchat (Just one school!)
- 5:22 pm **cybraryman1:** @DavidsonGifted Grade skipping should be an option and thanks for your advocacy for it. #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **CathRiordan:** prufrockpress: #gtchat Seems to work well in NZ. Fostering creativity is all the rage in Ireland now, so a good selling point
- 5:23 pm **mygiftedgirl:** "grade skipping" interferes with states high stakes testing ex: FCAT #gtchat

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5:24 pm **MattSL:** @prufrockpress there probably is @deborahmersino yp = young people #gtchat

5:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @robyntweettweet - So sorry your tweets aren't showing up in the #gtchat field. Anyone? She has her settings on public. Any other ideas?

5:24 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat one great research based book on acceleration is A Nation Deceived <http://bit.ly/9SeiQH>

5:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** I believe that state gifted associations need far more support/involvement from parents. #gtchat

5:25 pm **cybraryman1:** When gifted program was moved to another school my granddaughter did not want to move schools. #gtchat Next yr it is back in her school!

5:25 pm **prufrockpress:** @robyntweettweet Try tweetchat.com ... it is working for me really well. #gtchat

5:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - TY! #gtchat @robyntweettweet - I hope that works.

5:26 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @mygiftedgirl - Our experience has shown us this too in our nationwide programs and The Davidson Academy <http://bit.ly/dp0UAb>

5:27 pm **prufrockpress:** Unfortunately, most parents will not pay member dues to state associations. They end up a very small part of the membership. #gtchat

5:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** @mygiftedgirl - I hear you on the ominous state testing concerns. #gtchat

5:28 pm **prufrockpress:** I think the problem is that most parents don't see the benefit of a state association. They are living the issues locally. #gtchat

5:28 pm **MattSL:** Do schools in USA have a gifted and talented budget at all? They do in UK, but it's ltd and will probably be withdrawn v soon #gtchat

5:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress I agree. I think as more & more programs are cut, parents will be left hanging even more than they are currently. #gtchat

5:29 pm **jaclynchancey:** Sorry I'm late to today's chat! (I'm a PhD student in gifted @ UConn) #gtchat

5:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress @DavidsonGifted - Beyond acceleration, what is a parent to do? #gtchat

5:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jaclynchancey - Welcome! We're discussing acceleration and options for families experiencing GT cuts. #gtchat

5:30 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @MattSL there is no federal funding for gifteded but state and local funding varies check it out here <http://bit.ly/8n3lot>

5:30 pm **jaclynchancey:** @MattSL The gifted/talented budget varies widely by state/school/district, and may be \$0. See NAGC's State of the States report. #gtchat

5:31 pm **cybraryman1:** Getting parents involved is essential and also utilize alumni of gifted programs to help advocate. #gtchat

5:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** How can we best support classroom teachers who may wind up being our children's only teachers? #gtchat

5:31 pm **prufrockpress:** @DeborahMersino Right. My blog post was really about the power of parents to influence local gifted. Wish I have focused more on it. #gtchat

5:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: Getting parents involved is essential and also utilize alumni of gifted programs to help advocate. #gtchat

5:32 pm **coachkiki:** RT @DeborahMersino: How can we best support classroom teachers who may wind up being our children's only teachers? #gtchat

5:32 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino - there are many other options to consider and parents can positively partner with schools to find what works best

5:32 pm **CathRiordan:** #gtchat We are in the dark ages. No state funding. No school progs. Just us parents doing what we can. Can feel like constant battle

- 5:32 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino - there is no one right answer, be creative and work with the resources available
- 5:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** I feel like @prufrockpress , who described our commitment to #gifted as being shameful! #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **MattSL:** Development of networks & support mechanisms for parents & educators is important. Sharing expertise, guidance & experience #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **prufrockpress:** Coppell, TX has a model parent support group. More than 200 involved members. A powerful advocacy group in the district. #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **jaclynchancey:** I'm very impressed with the Iowa Acceleration Scale as tool to help parents & schools make decisions. School admins like numbers :) #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @coachkiki build a strong partnership, offer assistance, share resources, volunteer
- 5:34 pm **gifts2love:** RT @cybraryman1: Getting parents involved is essential and also utilize alumni of gifted programs to help advocate. #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @PrufrockPress @DavidsonGifted - What are your favorite resources/books to share re "Understanding the Needs of #Gifted Students?" #gtchat
- 5:35 pm **CathRiordan:** #gtchat I feel parents are vital to any advocacy. When the chips are down, we are the only ones with vested interest
- 5:35 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @jaclynchancey - many of our YS families have used the IAS effectively to make decisions on placement
- 5:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** What are some of the characteristics of a model parent advocacy group? #gtchat
- 5:35 pm **prufrockpress:** In the fact of 200+ strong parent advocates, the district is pushed to have quality prog. I think local parent groups are critical. #gtchat
- 5:35 pm **gifts2love:** @prufrockpress #gtchat - I feel like some states have good parent programs, but others don't. I would love to train for SENG, for example
- 5:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat @jaclynchancey - many of our YS families have used the IAS effectively to make decisions on placement
- 5:36 pm **gifts2love:** #gtchat - but the trainings are so far away so it becomes a hardship.
- 5:36 pm **jaclynchancey:** @DavidsonGifted So glad to hear that and to have my initial impressions confirmed. #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @CathRiordan: #gtchat I feel parents are vital to any advocacy. When the chips are down, we are the only ones with vested interest
- 5:37 pm **prufrockpress:** @DeborahMersino It is tough to say because teachers are at different skill levels and have different needs. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **coachkiki:** Excellent! RT @DavidsonGifted #gtchat @coachkiki build a strong partnership, offer assistance, share resources, volunteer @DeborahMersino
- 5:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** What about utilizing digital resources (EPGY, CTY Online) as supplementary support? (which is our topic for tonight) #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **jaclynchancey:** I agree parents are a great resource, BUT I fear that over-reliance on parent groups can make GT look like a middle-class issue ... #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **prufrockpress:** @DeborahMersino for parents, I love "Raising a Gifted Child" <http://bit.ly/xc6ix> #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **gifts2love:** RT @DeborahMersino: What are some of the characteristics of a model parent advocacy group? #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino <http://bit.ly/9q65Gv> <http://bit.ly/btphzs> <http://bit.ly/ay08nd> <http://bit.ly/9oeO5g>
- 5:39 pm **jaclynchancey:** ... when the children who don't have parents who take the time to advocate (esp. low SES) are even more in need of services. #gtchat

- 5:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - One of my favorites as well! Hoping we can convince @cfertig1 to join us for a future #gtchat !
- 5:39 pm **CathRiordan:** RT @jaclynchancey: Parents a great resource, BUT over-reliance on parent groups can make GT look like a middle-class issue ... #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - TY for the links! #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **prufrockpress:** @DeborahMersino For advocacy, our "Special Needs Advocacy Resource Book" is awesome <http://bit.ly/bBAAt5m> #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino Many of our YS families find online resources to be great options for enrichment and advancement
- 5:41 pm **CathRiordan:** So important for those of us who do advocate, to be inclusive and search for underprivileged #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** What I'm hearing...we need local focus, potentially exploring corporate/business sponsorship, self-directed parent learning/advocacy #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @prufrockpress: @DeborahMersino For advocacy, our "Special Needs Advocacy Resource Book" is awesome <http://bit.ly/bBAAt5m> #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @CathRiordan: So important for those of us who do advocate, to be inclusive and search for underprivileged #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **jaclynchancey:** Our failure to get GT services in low income/urban areas is, IMHO, a moral issue as well as a political weak point. #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **cybraryman1:** To get public support we need to educate them about the characteristics & needs of gifted and special needs students. #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** Our district provides EPGY (dds love). Will miss it if it goes away. #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **CathRiordan:** Important for parents to inform themselves. We need to be experts #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **MattSL:** @CathRiordan: #gtchat Community & business also have vested interest. What happens if most gifted in society are not allowed to develop?
- 5:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jaclynchancey: Our failure to get GT services in low income/urban areas is, IMHO, a moral issue as well as a political weak point. #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **gifts2love:** @DeborahMersino that's what I'm hearing. Have any of my tweets gotten through today? #gtchat.
- 5:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @MattSL: @CathRiordan: #gtchat Community & business also have vested interest. What happens if most gifted in society are not allowed to develop?
- 5:43 pm **prufrockpress:** "characteristics of a model parent advocacy group?" ... loud, mean, ugly, and persistent (maybe just my wish) #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **CathRiordan:** @MattSL But they need to be made aware of the issue. They don't all get it #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **SSNS_Teachers:** RT @cybraryman1: To get public support we need to educate them about the characteristics & needs of gifted and special needs students. #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @gifts2love - Yes they are! Glad you're here. #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @prufrockpress: "characteristics of a model parent advocacy group?" ... loud, mean, ugly, and persistent (maybe just my wish) #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **gifts2love:** @prufrockpress ha! Yes, that's what works in many cases! #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - lol...but true. #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @cybraryman1 - a great, short article you can share is Characteristics of Intellectually Advanced Young People <http://bit.ly/0a65Cv>

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5:44 **jaclynchancey:** @CathRiordan Yes! We can't just focus on our own children. #gtchat
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5:44 **DeborahMersino:** It is a Civil Rights issue IMHO. #gtchat
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5:45 **DeborahMersino:** RT @jaclynchancey: @CathRiordan Yes! We can't just focus on our own children.
pm #gtchat

5:45 **CathRiordan:** @prufrockpress Unfortunately an large element of truth there! #gtchat
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5:45 **gifts2love:** #gtchat - I still think there is a problem even identifying parents because IMO where I
pm live, people keep it close to the vest - any tips?

5:45 **DeborahMersino:** @CathRiordan - Who doesn't get it? Corporations? Public? Both? #gtchat
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5:46 **gifts2love:** #gtchat - and I'm talking about for parent model groups, advocacy or state gifted
pm associations.

5:47 **prufrockpress:** Parent advocacy is key to local funding. Any GT administrator knows his/her biggest
pm "hammer" is an active parent group. #gtchat

5:47 **DeborahMersino:** @gifts2love - That's where identification comes in...becomes vital (as
pm @prufrockpress indicated - need trained teachers) #gtchat

5:47 **JeanneBernish:** Failure to get GT services in low income/urban areas is, IMHO, a moral issue...
pm #gtchat (I agree @DeborahMersino @jaclynchancey)

5:47 **DeborahMersino:** @gifts2love - Sorry. Got it. I ask teachers/GT coordinators (if you have them).
pm #gtchat

5:47 **CathRiordan:** @DeborahMersino Both. Most people have no idea what gifted means #gtchat
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5:48 **JeanneBernish:** So imp for those of us who do advocate, to be inclusive and search for
pm underprivileged #gtchat (and Twice Exceptional)

5:49 **DeborahMersino:** Perfect example of need. GT coordinator met a 4yo this week reading a chapter
pm book (while talking w/parents about an older sibling). #gtchat

5:49 **jaclynchancey:** In animal rescue work, I found that corporations don't want to put names on niche
pm causes. They want visibility with popular causes #gtchat

5:49 **DeborahMersino:** RT @JeanneBernish: So imp for those of us who do advocate, to be inclusive and
pm search for underprivileged #gtchat (and Twice Exceptional)

5:49 **MattSL:** @CathRiordan agreed, the argument still needs to be won #gtchat
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5:49 **CathRiordan:** Lucky many parents are gifted and therefore intense, focused and persistent!
pm #gtchat

5:50 **jaclynchancey:** So companies with obvious ties to education, creativity, invention, technology, etc
pm are best bet for GT causes, IMHO. #gtchat

5:50 **DeborahMersino:** Perhaps corporations would at least look at mentorship opportunities #gtchat
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5:50 **DeborahMersino:** RT @CathRiordan: Lucky many parents are gifted and therefore intense, focused
pm and persistent! #gtchat

5:50 **gifts2love:** @DeborahMersino - that is a perfect example. #gtchat. I haven't had experience with
pm gifted coordinators yet - kids not in public yet.

5:50 **DeborahMersino:** @jaclynchancey - I agree. #gtchat
pm

5:50 **MattSL:** @DavidsonGifted grt link. In UK, if you are in top 10% of any subject you are
pm considered gifted, I favour a more considered criteria #gtchat

5:51 **CathRiordan:** The need to foster creativity and innovative thinking very topical now, so we have a
pm window of opportunity. I feel #gtchat

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window of opportunity I feel #gtchat

5:51 **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat "gifted" means different things to people and definitions vary among
pm professionals. This is a difficulty we face in the field.

5:51 **DeborahMersino:** We have just a few minutes left. Final thoughts/ideas/suggestions? #gtchat
pm

5:51 **gifts2love:** @CathRiordan exactly! #gtchat. And thank goodness for Twitter - it's a whole new
pm world of support for me.

5:51 **CathRiordan:** @DeborahMersino Mentorship can be HUGELY beneficial for underprivileged who
pm may have no other role models #gtchat

5:51 **gifts2love:** RT @CathRiordan: Lucky many parents are gifted and therefore intense, focused
pm and persistent! #gtchat

5:52 **jaclynchancey:** @JeanneBernish We need the gifted equivalent of Child Find. That would be my
pm dream: IDEA for GT. #gtchat

5:52 **eagledawg:** @DeborahMersino might be stupid ? but what is GT coordinator? Our district doesn't
pm have them & we pretty much fend for selves! #gtchat

5:52 **prufrockpress:** I think undeserved gifted is an important issue, and must be addressed; but, the
pm public perception of gifted is unlikely to change. #gtchat

5:53 **CathRiordan:** @gifts2love Yes. This twitter thing is great! #gtchat
pm

5:53 **DeborahMersino:** @eagledawg - Sorry. It means "Gifted and Talented Coordinator"...many schools,
pm like yours, don't have one (but would benefit!) #gtchat

5:53 **MattSL:** @jaclynchancey I agree too #gtchat any thought which ones
pm

5:53 **DeborahMersino:** RT @jaclynchancey: @JeanneBernish We need the gifted equivalent of Child Find.
pm That would be my dream: IDEA for GT. #gtchat

5:53 **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat another great advocacy resource is Reforming #gifteded ny Karen Rogers
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5:53 **prufrockpress:** @eagledawg GT coordinators are a thing of the past ... "director of advanced
pm academic services" is the new umbrella position. #gtchat

5:54 **JeanneBernish:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat our district uses GIS - Gifted Intervention Specialist
pm

5:54 **gifts2love:** #gtchat - online resources/extracurricular is tonight?
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5:54 **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat Our FREE Advocacy Guidebook is available at <http://bit.ly/6PCD5U> it
pm follows the blueprint laid out by Karen in her book.

5:55 **DeborahMersino:** What one action can you take on behalf of students (your own or others) this week?
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5:55 **JeanneBernish:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat another great advocacy resource is Reforming
pm #gifteded By Karen Rogers (great resource!)

5:55 **jaclynchancey:** My thought: Do we put our resources into local advocacy to create/save programs or
pm into state/national for more \$, mandates? Both? #gtchat

5:55 **MattSL:** don't know who said it but agree that a G&T mentoring and coaching prog is an
pm excellent idea #gtchat

5:56 **DeborahMersino:** @gifts2love - yes. "Delving into the Digital Age: Tips and Tools" is at 7 p.m./EST
pm #gtchat

5:56 **CathRiordan:** Agree too RT @MattSL: dont know who said it but agree that a G&T mentoring and
pm coaching prog is an excellent idea #gtchat

5:56 **JeanneBernish:** @jaclynchancey IMHO we put pressure on NAGC to be a proactive voice. #gtchat
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5:57 **iaclynchancev:** @DeborahMersino (1) Finish those flipping proposals. (2) Make progress on

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- pm research project. Gotta focus on the long game right now! #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **prufrockpress:** @gifts2love At Prufrock Press, over the next six months, we'll be making almost all of our titles available electronically. #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **CathRiordan:** RT @DeborahMersino: @gifts2love - yes. "Delving into the Digital Age: Tips and Tools" is at 7 p.m. EST /Midnight GMT #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** I plan to form a Parent Advocacy Group in February and get ready for tonight's #gtchat.
- 5:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - Hooray! #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **prufrockpress:** Perhaps, Prufrock Press could volunteer to develop a free handbook for parents who want to start and advocacy group. #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Thank you everyone for participating. It's a tough subject, but appreciate all the resources/input from everyone today! #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **eagledawg:** @DeborahMersino try to find out if state parents org/SENG group is truly inactive, although I can't lead either since I need ++info #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat If anyone has further questions we may be able to answer, feel free to email us directly at info@davidsongifted.org.
- 5:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @prufrockpress: Perhaps, Prufrock Press could volunteer to develop a free handbook for parents who want to start and advocacy group. #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **gifts2love:** @prufrockpress Wonderful. Thank you! #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **MattSL:** RT@JeanneBernish @jaclynchancey IMHO we put pressure on NAGC to be a proactive voice. #gtchat Agree
- 6:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** @prufrockpress - That would be incredible and so very valuable! #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **gifts2love:** RT @CathRiordan: RT @DeborahMersino: @gifts2love - yes. "Delving into the Digital Age: Tips and Tools" is at 7 p.m. EST /Midnight GMT #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **MattSL:** @DeborahMersino my action is to work to keep alive the G&T progression academy in the UK, a grt program with no funding now #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **gifts2love:** @DeborahMersino tips on doing that? Is there a book or ONLINE way to train? I would love to do that. #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **prufrockpress:** I'll look into that. It might be a worthy cause. #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **jaclynchancey:** @MattSL The big companies that are still innovating, e.g. Apple & other tech. Used to be Bell Labs was the home of invention. #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **gifts2love:** @prufrockpress yes! Yes! Yes! #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** That's it everyone. Look for our transcripts later today/tomorrow. Lots of excellent links to review. Well done! #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **CathRiordan:** Keep my parent support group active and growing. Write up last night's meeting for those who missed the twitter tutorial for #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **prufrockpress:** Got to go. Thank you @DeborahMersino This was a great experience. Nice to connect with such a nice group of people. #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **jaclynchancey:** @DeborahMersino Thanks again! #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **gifts2love:** @DeborahMersino thank you! #gtchat
- 6:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** My pleasure! One last shout out to all of our global participants. We greatly appreciate your presence and voice. Thank you!! #gtchat
- 6:04 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat Thanks everyone!

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0:07 pm **DavidsonGneu:** #gtchat Thanks everyone!

6:15 pm **PennyAW:** #gtchat Joys of children ! I guess I missed you all- I'm a Tutor & Trainer on G&T Progression Academies whose funding has just been cut

6:24 pm **innervation:** Transcript of #gtchat ?Coping w/ GT Program Cuts? is online. <http://ow.ly/11RYd> (PDF) & <http://ow.ly/11RZc> (DOC).

6:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @innervation: Transcript of #gtchat ?Coping w/ GT Program Cuts? is online. <http://ow.ly/11RYd> (PDF) & <http://ow.ly/11RZc> (DOC).

6:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** @PennyAW - I hope you'll join us tonight or on another Friday. #gtchat takes place Fridays at noon/EST and 7 pm/EST !

6:31 pm **innervation:** @DeborahMersino Sorry I missed today's #gtchat. Had a luncheon for a colleague who is moving away. Look forward to reading the transcript.

6:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MattSL @PennyAW - More info on #gtchat is available here: <http://giftedperspective.typepad.com/ingeniosus/>

6:54 pm **pamfr:** @cybraryman1 Agree, clustering (and multi-age) by subject could make diff in many settings. #gtchat (just catching up on the stream)

8:05 pm **anngift:** RT @JeanneBernish: Failure to get GT services in low income/urban areas is, IMHO, a moral issue... #gtchat (I agree @DeborahMersino @jaclynchancey)

8:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @CTYOnline Would love you to join us for 7pm/EST #gtchat. Subject: Delving into the Digital Age: Tips & Tools. #gifted

8:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @EPGY Would appreciate having someone from Stanford participate in 7pm/EST #gtchat. Topic: Delving Into the Digital Age: Tools & Tips

8:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @EPGY @CTYOnline @DukeTIP Many interested in #gifted issues/programs would benefit from your participation in #gtchat tonight 7pm/EST

8:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** Parents of #gifted: #gtchat will focus on "Delving into the Digital Age: Tools & Tips" at 7pm/EST.

8:59 pm **Begabung:** RT @DeborahMersino: Parents of #gifted: #gtchat will focus on "Delving into the Digital Age: Tools & Tips" at 7pm/EST.

9:05 pm **JeanneBernish:** RT @DeborahMersino: Parents of #gifted: #gtchat will focus on "Delving into the Digital Age: Tools & Tips" at 7pm/EST.

9:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** @thebenreynolds - Are you participating in #gtchat tonight at 7pm/EST? Topic "Delving into the Digital Age: Tips & Tools." Love to have you.

10:56 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: @thebenreynolds - Please participate in #gtchat tonight at 7pm/EST? Topic "Delving into the Digital Age: Tips & Tools."

10:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Teachers/parents/advocates of #gifted. We're an hour away from #gtchat. Topic: "Delving into the Digital Age: Tools & Tips."

11:00 pm **vgreen59:** RT @DeborahMersino: Teachers/parents/advocates of #gifted. We're an hour away from #gtchat. Topic: "Delving into the Digital Age: Tools & Tips."

11:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** Many, many thanks to @PrufrockPress for spreading the word about #gtchat. #FF and visit www.prufrock.com. #gifted

11:38 pm **CathRiordan:** RT @DeborahMersino: Teachers/parents/advocates of #gifted. 20mins to #gtchat. Topic: "Delving into the Digital Age: Tools & Tips."

11:39 pm **bfwriter:** @DeborahMersino oh, I can't make it to #gtchat this afternoon :(

11:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @bfwriter - We'll miss you for sure! Love your contributions to #gtchat. Have a good afternoon/night!

11:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** #educon folks...don't know how long your chat goes, but if you're interested in #gifted issues, we have #gtchat on Fridays noon & 7pm/EST

11:49 pm **readtoday:** RT @CathRiordan: RT @DeborahMersino: Teachers/parents/advocates of #gifted. 20mins to #gtchat. Topic: "Delving into the Digital Age: Tools & Tips."

11:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @CathRiordan Excited to hear we may have more #gtchat participants from Ireland

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11:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @CathKiordan - Excited to hear we may have more #gtchat participants from Ireland tonight. TY for spreading the word.

11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat.

11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: "Delving into the Digital Age: Tips and Tools."

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