



## Transcript from July 30, 2010 to July 30, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

### July 30, 2010

- 12:02 **deepwaterscoach:** RT @SeaburySchool: Livestreaming tonight! 7 p.m. PST SENG presentation on parenting the #gifted [www.livestream.com/seaburyschool](http://www.livestream.com/seaburyschool) #gtchat
- 12:17 **jofrei:** RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @SeaburySchool: Livestreaming tonight! 7 p.m. PST SENG presentation on parenting the #gifted [www.livestream.com/seaburyschool](http://www.livestream.com/seaburyschool) #gtchat
- 12:30 **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @SeaburySchool: Livestreaming tonight! 7 p.m. PST SENG presentation on parenting the #gifted [www.livestream.com/seaburyschool](http://www.livestream.com/seaburyschool) #gtchat
- 1:07 **halleyrebecca:** RT @SeaburySchool: Livestreaming tonight! 7 p.m. PST SENG presentation on parenting the #gifted [www.livestream.com/seaburyschool](http://www.livestream.com/seaburyschool) #gtchat #education
- 1:12 **DeborahMersino:** We have a tie; someone break it please! 48 minutes left to vote for #gtchat - <http://twtpoll.com/al3dhs> TY! #gifted
- 1:20 **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: We have a tie; someone break it please! 48 minutes left to vote for #gtchat - <http://twtpoll.com/al3dhs> TY! #gifted
- 1:23 **DeborahMersino:** Javits was in fact eliminated. My source had it wrong/my apologies. Ur efforts were still admirable. We must continue forwrd #gtchat #gifted
- 1:25 **DeborahMersino:** The CEC is helping lead efforts to to get Javits funding restored: <http://www.capwiz.com/cek/issues/alert/?alertid=15469501> #gtchat
- 1:40 **Ijconrad:** RT @DeborahMersino: @DazzlId We've still got 4 hours left. I'm hoping someone who hasn't yet voted will break the tie! <http://twtpoll.com/al3dhs> #gtchat #gifted
- 2:05 **SeaburySchool:** Presentation by Amy Price of SENG is beginning ... NOW! Tune in at [www.livestream.com/seaburyschool](http://www.livestream.com/seaburyschool) #gifted #gtchat
- 2:12 **DavidsonGifted:** RT @DeborahMersino: The CEC is helping lead efforts to to get Javits funding restored: <http://www.capwiz.com/cek/issues/alert/?alertid=15469501> #gtchat
- 2:22 **Galileo\_Gifted:** @DeborahMersino I did some digging & put together some quick info. Javits #gifted funding eliminated - <http://tinyurl.com/2usbk2d> #gtchat
- 3:20 **khephir:** RT @peoplesalmanac Fact: Leonardo da Vinci could write with 1 hand & draw w/ other simultaneously. [ #genius #edchat #history #gtchat ]
- 5:13 **DeborahMersino:** @Galileo\_Gifted and others: Here's up-to-date #Javits info from CEC: <http://cecblog.typepad.com/policy/> #gtchat #gifted
- 9:13 **DazzlId:** Looking forward to #gtchat later on, great topics in today's line-up!
- 10:53 **soundsuccess:** #gifted #gtchat #conference Prof Paul Chandler <http://ow.ly/2iJKJ> spoke on prodigy or problem child? Amazing man!
- 10:57 **soundsuccess:** #gifted #gtchat #conference Indigenous education programs australia <http://ow.ly/2iJOG> and <http://ow.ly/2iJPT>
- 11:00 **soundsuccess:** #gifted #gtchat #conference Great presentation on setting up professional association for GT giftEDnz <http://ow.ly/2iJSB> Bilingual assoc
- 11:01 **soundsuccess:** #gifted #gtchat #conference Starjump program presentation. Catering for VSL students <http://ow.ly/2iJUt>
- 11:02 **soundsuccess:** #gifted #gtchat #conference Controlling anxiety in gifted people, brain research,

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am

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presented by Angela Foulds-Cook The southport School...

11:37 **soundsuccess:** Sad to be missing #gtchat again this week. Will still be at Gifted2010 conference.  
am Enjoy the chat guys!

11:53 **jofrei:** RT @soundsuccess: #gifted #gtchat #conference Indigenous education programs  
am australia <http://ow.ly/2iJOG> and <http://ow.ly/2iJPT>

11:57 **jofrei:** @soundsuccess Thanks so much for sharing news of the Gifted 2010 conference  
am with us! Enjoy the next two days! #gtchat

12:00 **jofrei:** @soundsuccess Will put a plate of goodies aside for you to much later while you  
pm catch up on #gtchat transcripts Enjoy conference #gtstooxies

2:15 **mygiftedgirl:** RT @soundsuccess: #gifted #gtchat #conference Starjump program presentation.  
pm Catering for VSL students <http://ow.ly/2iJUt>

2:19 **laughingatchaos:** Do we have a #gtchat topic for this morning yet? :)

2:25 **deepwaterscoach:** RT @laughingatchaos: Do we have a #gtchat topic for this morning yet? :) //I think  
pm we need to hold a funeral for Javits. :-(

2:29 **deepwaterscoach:** @laughingatchaos I hear ya...this a.m. I will be taking dd to dentist during a.m.  
pm #gtchat. Will miss it!

2:34 **DeborahMersino:** Lesson from yesterday: double- and triple-check sources before posting news; sorry  
pm all! #gifted #gtchat

2:35 **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino The thing is, I thought my source was reliable! Totally trusted.  
pm Gah! #gifted #gtchat

2:42 **DeborahMersino:** "Starting Off 2010-2011 School Year Well: Tips/Support" will be our noon/EST  
pm #gtchat topic on 07.30. #gifted

2:43 **DeborahMersino:** "Looking Beyond: #Gifted Advocacy 2.0 & Your Role" will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat  
pm topic on 07.30. Join us! {timely!}

2:49 **DeborahMersino:** It's #gtchat Friday! {Important for me to note since I woke up thinking it was  
pm Thursday}. What.a.week.

2:56 **gsacademy:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Looking Beyond: #Gifted Advocacy 2.0 & Your Role" will be  
pm our 7 pm/EST #gtchat topic on 07.30. Join us! {timely!}

3:08 **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour to #gtchat. Join us at noon/EST to discuss "Starting Off 2010-  
pm 2011 School Year Well: Tips/Support." #gifted

3:21 **mygiftedgirl:** Less than an hour to #gtchat. Join us at noon/EST to discuss "Starting Off 2010-  
pm 2011 School Year Well: Tips/Support." #gifted

3:24 **mygiftedgirl:** Have a lunch meeting with a partner I work with on developing dog toys. Tweets for  
pm #gtchat in-between play. Yah... I do that..too.

3:31 **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: 1/2 hr #gtchat Join us at noon/EST Starting Off 2010-2011  
pm School Year Well: Tips/Support #gifted

3:37 **cybraryman1:** @mygiftedgirl My gifted granddogter loves her toys <http://yfrog.com/9mf1pj> She  
pm understands a lot of words! #gtchat

3:46 **Frazzlld:** 15 minutes to #gtchat :Starting Off 2010-2011 School Year Well: Tips/Support  
pm #gifted. Join us!

3:46 **CathRiordan:** RT @Frazzlld: 15 minutes to #gtchat :Starting Off 2010-2011 School Year Well:  
pm Tips/Support #gifted. Join us!

4:01 **DeborahMersino:** My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted 2 #gtchat. Our topic: Starting Off School Year  
pm Well. Pardon heavy stream! Feel free 2 unfollow.

4:02 **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, educator, advocate)  
pm and where you reside. #gtchat

4:03 **cybraryman1:** Twitterbrarian, parent & grandparent of gifted children, teacher, writer, lifelong learner  
pm #gtchat

4:03 **asynchschrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted 2 #gtchat. Our topic:

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pm Starting Off School Year Well. Pardon heavy stream! Feel free 2 unfollow.

4:03 **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, wife, mother to 2 girls, marketing  
pm consultant to GT communities. I'm in glorious Colorado!

4:03 **dafna\_m:** Here comes #gtchat! Hi all. I'm a parent of 2 GT kiddos in Denver, CO!  
pm

4:03 **asynschlrnsfnd:** Greetings! Marlow from Asynchronous Scholars' Fund. I'm all of the above (parent,  
pm educator, advocate). #gtchat

4:04 **DavidsonGifted:** Erik from Las Vegas. I am an advocate and resource for GT kids and families thru  
pm Davidson Young Scholars Program. #gtchat

4:04 **jofrei:** Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources in Melbourne Australia here also parent and  
pm grandparent of gifted #gtchat

4:04 **DeborahMersino:** There are some excellent resources/articles/links on this subject. While you're  
pm introducing yourselves, I'll start putting them up. #gtchat

4:04 **FrazzIld:** Hi folks, Catherine from Ireland here. Parent, advocate and support group coordinator  
pm #gtchat

4:04 **KTVee:** g/t teacher from Missouri! currently listening to thunderstorm here! #gtchat  
pm

4:04 **DeborahMersino:** NAGC's Back to School Toolkit: <http://bit.ly/amb4Ve> #gtchat {includes lots of  
pm excellent links}

4:05 **liInerdette:** Hi everyone, Deborah from Chicago, gifted adult, aspiring writer. #gtchat  
pm

4:05 **mygiftedgirl:** Hi! Audrey founder of My Gifted Girl, mom of 2 girls, trainer, consultant, dog toy  
pm developer.. dance mom #gtchat celebrating all I do. SoFL

4:05 **DazzIld:** Karen here from Dublin, via France. Parent and advocate #gtchat  
pm

4:05 **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Good afternoon from overcast England. GP calling. Ex national policy lead  
pm now writing and consulting - oh and still parenting!

4:05 **asynschlrnsfnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: NAGC's Back to School Toolkit: <http://bit.ly/amb4Ve> #gtchat  
pm {includes lots of excellent links}

4:06 **DeborahMersino:** Also from NAGC | Connecting for High Potential | How Do We Start School Off  
pm Right? <http://bit.ly/bGALi4> #gtchat

4:06 **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist in upstate New York who hangs out with gifted  
pm people on Fridays #gtchat

4:06 **FrazzIld:** Account of last week's gifted conference in France:  
pm [dazzledandfrazzled.com/2010/07/here-we-come.html](http://dazzledandfrazzled.com/2010/07/here-we-come.html) #gtchat

4:07 **DeborahMersino:** Ten Tips for Parents of #Gifted Students by Monique Prevost Lloyd via  
pm @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/d4ob2E> #gtchat

4:07 **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I gather the new school year starts early August pretty much across the  
pm US? Not until early September here.

4:07 **DeborahMersino:** Welcome everyone! I have more links to post, but let's start off with a question.  
pm #gtchat

4:07 **cybraryman1:** I think it is important that teacher start to develop positive relationship &  
pm communication with parents right from the start. #gtchat

4:08 **DazzIld:** RT @FrazzIld: Account of last weeks gifted conference in France:  
pm <http://www.dazzledandfrazzled.com/2010/07/here-we-come.html> #gtchat

4:08 **DeborahMersino:** Q1: What's your biggest concern going into this year's school year? If not a  
pm parent/edu., what do think needs addressing/challenges? #gtchat

4:08 **asynschlrnsfnd:** @GiftedPhoenix Depends on the school - here in California it's mid-August for public  
pm schools, but September for most private #gtchat

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4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transitioning from Elementary to Middle School: Tips for Parents of #Gifted Students via @DukeTIP <http://bit.ly/9FZOlx> #gtchat

4:09 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Focusing early this year on getting set up for 2e issues the best way possible. #gtchat

4:09 pm **dafna\_m:** #gtchat A1 My 2E son has a hard time w/transition. Worried about new classroom/teacher and expectations!

4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Gifted High School Students' Survival Skills - also via @DukeTIP <http://bit.ly/c3uGUO> #gtchat

4:09 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transitioning from Elementary to Middle School: Tips for Parents of #Gifted Students via @DukeTIP <http://bit.ly/9FZOlx> #gtchat

4:09 pm **KTVee:** big concern: making sure the program is effectively meeting needs everyday of the week; not just on day to come to program #gtchat

4:10 pm **shanemps:** student stress managing two classes gt and regular class #gtchat

4:10 pm **Frazzlld:** Always difficult if you are dealing with a new teacher. May need time to see the lay of the land #gtchat

4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Dazzlld: RT @Frazzlld: Account of last weeks gifted conference in France: <http://www.dazzledandfrazzled.com/2010/07/here-we-come.html> #gtchat

4:10 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @cybraryman1: I agree that it is important for teacher to know whatever is important to know about the gt child #gtchat

4:11 pm **Ijconrad:** #gtchat Hello from sunny Pgh! Lisa here - mother of gifted, soon to be consultant, pres of local parents grp

4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Great example of parents being prepared to advocate: <http://bit.ly/aO3qzk> #gtchat

4:11 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @KTVee: planning a parent tea for the fall; time for chatting, questions, getting community involved #gtchat (Great idea!)

4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** The Teacher-Parent Connection: Tips for Working with the Parents of a Gifted Student via @DavidsonGifted <http://bit.ly/9OCXd4> #gtchat

4:11 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @dafna\_m Transitions are hard sometimes.Help prepare by role playing/talking about different scenarios so he is ready for anything. #gtchat

4:12 pm **Frazzlld:** RT @DeborahMersino: Tips for Working with the Parents of a Gifted Student via @DavidsonGifted <http://bit.ly/9OCXd4> #gtchat

4:12 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @Dazzlld @Frazzlld Love the book-lined study theme! #gtchat

4:12 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Anyone know of Duke or Hoagies links/articles for Gifted in college? #gtchat

4:12 pm **cybraryman1:** Many teachers write a letter to parents introducing themselves & telling what they will be doing that year. Post card to students 2 #gtchat

4:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Excellent point. Talking to kids about their feelings about starting school helps too. #gtchat

4:13 pm **Dazzlld:** In Ireland we have to approach schools carefully: <http://www.giftedkids.ie/bestadvocate.html> #gtchat

4:13 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Parents need to learn how to advocate effectively for their children's edu needs/rights #gtchat

4:13 pm **dafna\_m:** @DavidsonGifted Thanks for tips! Role playing new poss scenarios sounds like a great idea! #gtchat

4:13 pm **Frazzlld:** @cybraryman1 Merci, but I amback home in rainy old ireland now :-( #gtchat

4:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @mygiftedgirl - can look and get back to you regarding gifted in college (I think both @DukeTIP and @HoagiesGifted address. #atchat

- 4:13 pm **KTVee:** calling it "Gee, Tea Time!" :) gifted/talented tea 4 parents #gtchat (yes, Im cheesy) ideas of what to discuss w/parents? #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DazzlId:** @GiftedPhoenix Thanks, we're very bookish..when we're not wine-tasting that is! #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **shanemeps:** As teacher want to hear from parents how child is managing #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **KTVee:** create a program brochure, debunking myths/misconceptions for entire school; i've found many tchrs never get info #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q2: What do you WISH teachers could do more of (re to your #gifted child) and how can you help facilitate? #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **jofrei:** @cybraryman1 He really has a page for all occasions! #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @jofrei Agree - chum at every level is likely to be greatest at the start of the AY - perhaps even more so when funding is scarce #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** RT @mygiftedgirl @KTVee Love the name! <-me, too! #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **danyelwierson:** #gtchat Sorry I'm late this morning. Mom of 3 in Reno. One at PG high school, one re-entering public school in gt program
- 4:18 pm **mygiftedgirl:** When I asked my 8yo.. She's worried about having 3 teachers this year. seems too much for such a short day #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - Glad you're with us! Agree/new school for last year can be tough...brother/sister experienced that... #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **cybraryman1:** Would love to see a parent support group formed at start of school year. #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino Very important to stay in touch with all important people in new school when making a change.. #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @KTVee Wish we had you in our school district when my eldest entered! #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KTVee - Good for you - re brochure/sharing information. so vital! #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **FrazzId:** RT @cybraryman1: Parent-Teacher Communication/Conference page: <http://bit.ly/cdBRK1> #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @cybraryman1: Would love to see a parent support group formed at start of school year. #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **DavidsonGifted:** A prepared parent facilitates open lines of communication w/everyone (teachers, admin & student) at the start of the school year #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **LesLinks:** RT @jofrei: @cybraryman1 He really has a page for all occasions! Ya.. !! he's my hero.. #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: Would love to see a parent support group formed at start of school year. #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino Q2: Wish teachers (and administrators) were better educated on subject of #gifted #education & trusting of advocates #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **LesLinks:** RT @GaryBrannigan: RT @cybraryman1: Would love to see a parent support group formed at start of school year. Agreed great idea #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **danyelwierson:** RT @DavidsonGifted: A prepared parent facilitates open lines of communication w/everyone (teachers, admin & student) at the start of the school year #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **KTVee:** @AsynchSchlrFnd thx; I am just finding that the more information I provide, the easier it makes things for everyone (esp. stdnts!) #gtchat
- 4:20 **asynschlrfsnd:** @FrazzId @DazzlId promising blog start, BTW! #gtchat #gtstoojies

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**jofrei:** RT @GaryBrannigan: RT @cybraryman1: Would love to see a parent support group formed at start of school year. It is such a help! #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @danyelwierson - Glad you're with us! We're discussing start of school worries/concerns/hopes for parent/teacher interactions. #gtchat

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**FrazzIld:** RT @DavidsonGifted: A prepared parent facilitates open lines of communication w/everyone (teachers, admin & student) at the start of the school year #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** RT @FrazzIld: RT @cybraryman1: Parent-Teacher Communication/Conference page: <http://bit.ly/cdBRK1> #gtchat

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**danyelwierson:** #gtchat 8yo son was terrorized at his old school. We've homeschooled for a year but he can't shake that feeling of dread

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**KTVee:** what would b the first thing u would want to discuss with g/t parents to open lines? #gtchat

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**GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat In many English schools new pupils are being monitored for inclusion on the G&T register

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**DazzIld:** @asynschlrfsnd Thank you! #gtchat

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**GaryBrannigan:** I like to see support groups,; their like gtchat, but in person! #gtchat

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**asynschlrfsnd:** @KTVee the more information I provide, the easier it makes things for everyone (esp. stdnts!)<--do you ever get skeptical peers? #gtchat

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**mygiftedgirl:** I've been asked to start a group at our school. Excited! #gtchat

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**jofrei:** Q2 Biggest WISH is for more willingness to do whatever necessary to challenge/ support /inspire the students #gtchat

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**LesLinks:** @danyelwierson Feel for you... many reasons folks homeschool.. that is one... #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - So spot on! Also, having parents advocate from a positive/respectful place, as opposed to confrontational. #gtchat

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**LesLinks:** @mygiftedgirl Would be a really good idea... #gtchat

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**asynschlrfsnd:** @danyelwierson You are not alone! Any other #homeschool lurkers here? (I homeschool my children.) #gtchat

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**cybraryman1:** Q2 Teachers need to get on same page with parent. Open lines of communication. Keep each other informed about child #gtchat

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**plnaugle:** Luv it. RT @KTVee: calling it "Gee, Tea Time!" :) gifted/talented tea 4 parents #gtchat ideas of what to discuss w/parents? #gtchat

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**dafna\_m:** #gtchat I know unrealistic...I wish teachers still did home visits be4 school. Would love a comfortable family dialogue 2 kickstart the year

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**mygiftedgirl:** @KTVee Hmm connecting gt issues to home... many parents think it's just a school thing. #gtchat

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**LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: @DavidsonGifted - Also, having parents advocate from a positive/respectful place, as opposed to confrontational. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @danyelwierson - I agree with @LesLinks...so sorry that's been your experience. Will you be homeschooling again this year? #gtchat

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**asynschlrfsnd:** RT @mygiftedgirl I've been asked to start a group at our school. Excited! <--good luck! #gtchat

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**FrazzIld:** In Irish schools we have no programmes/register/GT training so all very much left to parent who can be seen as threatening. Delicate #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @KTVee Specific needs, talents, experiences, emotions, whatever you think is specific

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4:23 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @Kivee Specific needs, talents, asynchrony, emotions, whatever u think is specific to child that might make teachers job easier #gtchat

4:24 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Many parents do not know how to advocate. They get frustrated, angry, and alienate teachers #gtchat

4:24 pm **cybraryman1:** Sending an incoming student a post card or letter would be nice way to welcome the student #gtchat

4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dafna\_m - Yes, I feel quite fortunate that my dd9's teacher took her to the pool this summer/relationship-building at its best. #gtchat

4:24 pm **KTVee:** @AsynchSchlrsFnd lots of skeptics; but it's mostly from misunderstandings; g/t is not just all fun, all day! #gtchat :)

4:24 pm **danyelwierson:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat He was accepted in GT SWAS this year. We're going to give it a shot. Hoping we don't have the same issues.

4:24 pm **Thanks2Teachers:** RT @cybraryman1: Sending an incoming student a post card or letter would be nice way to welcome the student #gtchat

4:24 pm **LesLinks:** @Frazzlld Agree... makes trying to support child rather difficult, being seen as threat.. #gtchat

4:24 pm **jofrei:** Q2 Can help by providing materials and links to programs #gtchat

4:24 pm **Ron\_Peck:** I think it would great if parents communicated their expectations to teachers for their child/student #gtchat

4:24 pm **Dazzlld:** Q2 I really would like my children's teachers to view me as a valuable resource and not as telling them how to do their job #gtchat

4:25 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** RT @dafna\_m I wish teachers still did home visits be4 school. <- me, too! seeing kids in their element helps understand them. #gtchat

4:25 pm **Frazzlld:** @DeborahMersino Wow! #gtchat

4:25 pm **danyelwierson:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Many parents do not know how to advocate. They get frustrated, angry, and alienate teachers #gtchat

4:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KTVee - Agree with @DavidsonGifted. Likes, dislikes, learning styles, passion areas, sensitivities, friendships...all helpful. #gtchat

4:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Many parents do not know how to advocate. They get frustrated, angry, and alienate teachers #gtchat

4:25 pm **Ron\_Peck:** My goal is to have every parent in email communication all year. Best and easiest way to stay in touch and up to date. #gtchat

4:26 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @plnaugle I would suggestdiscussing ways in which they can offer to support the school as co-educators of their gifted children #gtchat

4:26 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @Frazzlld even in US when there is a GT program parents advocating for anything different have to walk a very fine line too. #gtchat

4:26 pm **Frazzlld:** RT @Dazzlld: I really would like my childrens teachers to view me as a valuable resource and not as telling them how to do their job #gtchat

4:26 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Many parents do not know how to advocate. They get frustrated, angry, and alienate teachers #gtchat

4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @danyelwierson - Fingers crossed for you and him. Hopefully, being among peers will prove valuable / better environment. #gtchat

4:26 pm **shanemps:** @Ron\_Peck I've done this, a great way to communicate! #gtchat

4:26 pm **KTVee:** g/t is soooo much more than lesson planning; gotta focus on all of the "little areas" which can become big problems if ignored #gtchat

4:27 pm **danyelwierson:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: @plnaugle I would suggestdiscussing ways in which they can offer to support the school as co-educators of their gifted children #gtchat

- 4:27 pm **MrsThorne:** Trying to follow #gtchat from train. Is it on transition?
- 4:27 pm **DazzlId:** @Ron\_Peck Are you not afraid of being inundated by e-mails from parents outside of school hours? #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat So agree with @GaryBrannigan - it's all about building an alliance with the professionals
- 4:27 pm **danyelwierson:** RT @Frazzlld: RT @DazzlId: I really would like my childrens teachers to view me as a valuable resource and not as telling them how to do their job #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Q2 - Teachers have limited time/resources but they can work to differentiate lessons to each child's ability - if they can identify. #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **KTVee:** @Ron\_Peck grt idea! I want to send info this way too, even links to blog updates. Hoping to show a window into our day! #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **jofrei:** @DazzlId Agree! re would like my children's teachers to view me as a valuable resource and not as telling them how to do their job #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DazzlId - it's such a fine line, isn't it? I find the more respect we show teachers/empathy, the more open they are to r input. #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Ron\_Peck: My goal is to have every parent in email communication all year. Best and easiest way to stay in touch and up to date. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **Ron\_Peck:** Teachers need to reach out at the beginning of the school year. Most of the time parents are too quiet. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Ron\_Peck - Hooray - we need more teachers like you. Email communication can be so helpful! #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @Ron\_Peck re: parents in email communication all year: Excellent approach! #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **danyelwierson:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Q2 - Teachers have limited time/resources but they can work to differentiate lessons to each child's ability - if they can identify. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **DazzlId:** @Ron\_Peck It's a fantastic goal by the way. Wish our teachers had e-mail addresses where we could contact them. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **KTVee:** @DazzlId @Ron\_Peck I'd rather answer an email on a Sat than have a problem brewing all weekend. :) Love being connected! #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @asynschlrfsnd: @Frazzlld even in US when there is a GT program parents advocating for anything different have to walk a very fine line too. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DazzlId Interesting we're saying the same thing but from the 2 different perspectives #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **Ron\_Peck:** @KTVee That would be great. I already give parents access to the Moodle and wiki. Not sure if they use it. #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @MrsThorne Trying to follow #gtchat from train. Is it on transition? <= Not sure what you mean. Glad you're following. Do you see stream?
- 4:29 pm **dafna\_m:** My daughter's GT teacher attended her summer performance of Artemis Fowl meant the world to her! #gtchat
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- 4:30 pm **Frazzlld:** When the curriculum is as prescriptive as ours, it's hard even for willing teachers to cope with 1 or 2 GT kids in their class #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Effective communication involves mutual trust and respect, which can take time to develop. #gtchat



- 4:30 pm **danyelwierson:** @AsynchSchlrsFnd #gtchat and for those of us with 2E kids, that line is nearly impossible to walk
- 4:30 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @MrsThorne Starting a new school year. What's that about a racehorse in the garden! #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KTvee - I highly value GT educators' abilities to support the social-emotional lessons/nuances. So vital to overall education. #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **Frazzlld:** @Ron\_Peck I wish I had such open teachers! #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **Dazzlld:** @asynchschrslsfnfnd I've never heard of teachers in my kids schools being available by e-mail...must ask them this year! #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **cybraryman1:** Right from start find out what form of communication parents prefer. #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **Ron\_Peck:** @KTvee I check school email all weekend but a lot of teachers don't.:) #gtchat
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- 4:31 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @Ron\_Peck Some parents are also intimidated by the school #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **danyelwierson:** @DavidsonGifted #gtchat and if the requests to differentiate are made in a positive/helpful manner
- 4:31 pm **asynchschrslsfnfnd:** RT @danyelwierson for those of us with 2E kids, that line is nearly impossible to walk<--or with profoundly asynchronous kids #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** The Ten Tips for Parents of Gifted Students article posted earlier (via @HoagiesGifted) has sage advice. I'll post some main points. #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **LesLinks:** Have had several ops over here to run puzzel or math extention clubs in our childrens primschool. Aproach was important.. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **jofrei:** RT @cybraryman1: RT @GaryBrannigan: Effective communication involves mutual trust and respect, which can take time to develop. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** Credit for all these tips goes to Monique Prevost Lloyd. Tip 1: Never go to school angry. Anger begets more anger. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **LesLinks:** @Dazzlld We have had email communication in our school with teachers.. works well.. good thing to ask for.. recommended #gtchat
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- 4:33 pm **danyelwierson:** @AsynchSchlrsFnd #gtchat PRECISELY!
- 4:33 pm **bonitadee:** @cybraryman1 @plnaugle Topics: natural concerns that arise, possible resources for parenting the gifted, ideas for future meetings? #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **KTvee:** what's more important to understand first: how to differentiate or why to differentiation (ie: understanding g/t kids)? #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **deborahruf:** @DeborahMersino Where do you post these things, Deborah? I follow #gtchat but I'm lost.
- 4:33 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Some schools here seem to be moving all parent/school communication online - think there was a timeline for that under last Govt.
- 4:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** 2. Be sensitive to sensitive situations. {i.e. teacher may quote research you know is out of date}. #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **Thanks2Teachers:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Effective communication involves mutual trust and respect, which can take time to develop. #gtchat

4:33 pm **bonitadee:** @cybraryman1 Like a GLAC (as opposed to ELAC)? #gtchat

4:34 pm **Ron\_Peck:** @Frazzlld Well, if they're not open then ask or push them to be that way. It's your child's education! #gtchat

4:34 pm **danyelwierson:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat point verified.

4:34 pm **dafna\_m:** @DeborahMersino Never go to school angry is SO important for my 2E kid. Bad morning is surefire bad day at school. #gtchat

4:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @deborahruf: I'll post the entire transcript at the end of the chat. If you simply search for #gtchat, you'll see live stream. Make sense?

4:34 pm **Dazzlld:** @GiftedPhoenix That is probably something we could try in Ireland #gtchat

4:34 pm **Ron\_Peck:** @GaryBrannigan Sadly, many parents are intimidated but they needn't be. #gtchat

4:35 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @bonitadee #gtchat Also how parents can support each other - even if only a listening ear

4:35 pm **Ron\_Peck:** @cybraryman1 Outstanding Jerry! Most of us do! Sadly, not all. #gtchat

4:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** 3. Be aware of the words you use and aware of words others use. {i.e. know difference b/w ability grouping and tracking - clarify} #gtchat

4:35 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Just because last years teach knows your child, dont assume this years teacher will. Need 2 advocate anew each year (sometimes) #gtchat

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4:36 pm **MrsThorne:** @DeborahMersino some. It's patchy service. Been to Google Teacher Academy, full of ideas for better parent comms next year #gtchat #gtauk

4:36 pm **Frazzlld:** @Ron\_Peck I have bent over backwards to offer support and encouragement to our teachers but most (not all) see it as threatening. #gtchat

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4:36 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DavidsonGifted Good point about advocating anew. Don't leave anything to chance #gtchat

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4:36 pm **jofrei:** @deborahruf Using Tweet chat can make it easier <http://tweetchat.com/room/gtchat> #gtchat

4:37 pm **danyelwierson:** @plnaugle #gtchat LOVE this idea!

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4:37 pm **GiftedBooks:** RT @DeborahMersino: The CEC is helping lead efforts to to get Javits funding restored: <http://www.capwiz.com/cek/issues/alert/?alertid=15469501> #gtchat

- 4:37 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @danyelwierson Oh yes! "Positive" is the key word to all advocacy. Nobody wants to assist people who are negative-teacher or not. #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino So hard to keep personal and professional lives separate - especially when walls are Chinese - but must be done #gtchat
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- 4:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip 5: Develop a plan. Understand the ALP/IEP. Talk/discuss. Be open. Flexible. Kind. Thoughtful. Empathetic. Hopeful. #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **DazzlId:** Me too! RT @danyelwierson: @plnaugle #gtchat LOVE this idea! #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **Ron\_Peck:** @dafna\_m Annoy? Disrupt? When it comes to your child's education you should never feel that way. Just don't be a helicopter parent. #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **danyelwierson:** @dafna\_m #gtchat can't worry about disruption. You are trying to make their job easier and everyone's life easier.
- 4:38 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @dafna\_m So true. That is why working together and developing rapport early as "on the same team" is tremendously important. #gtchat
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- 4:39 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @Ron\_Peck Don't get Jerry started on helicopters! #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **TeachJohnson:** @DeborahMersino I agree always talk to teacher first before principal. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **dafna\_m:** @LesLinks Thanks for tweetchat tip! For as many chats as I do you'd think I'd have known! #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **jofrei:** @dafna\_m Helicopter parent is one that hovers and will not let child experience things fully #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - Thanks for offering guidance to @DeborahRuf. We love you Deborah...hope to support you...would love your input. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **plnaugle:** @teach2gt Welcome to Twitter. Discovered you via@PeterVogel. Join #gtchat going on now. Add #gtchat column to TweetDeck.
- 4:40 pm **LesLinks:** RT @dafna\_m: @Ron\_Peck OK, dont know this term: helicopter parent? #gtchat It refers to a parent that 'hovers' beating their blades #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **KTVee:** inviting parents nformal basis help open com lines; don't wait til Ap for conf; have open house, project share, etc #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat But need to remember that start of a new AY can be hard for teachers - maintain realistic expectations of the time it takes
- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip 7. Just mentioned this, but THANK TEACHERS! {They are under-appreciated/overworked/have lives too}. #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **FrazzId:** My goal for the coming year as member of school parents' committee, is to open lines of communication. Some great ideas here! #gtchat

- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teach2gt - Yes, welcome! We're glad you're here! #gtchat
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- 4:43 pm **LesLinks:** @dafna\_m Ya... it takes some balancing too... hover or not to hover... hmmm #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **Ron\_Peck:** @GiftedPhoenix Wow, you are so right. Homer is hilarious. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **dafna\_m:** @GiftedPhoenix Will be looking up Mr. Simpson! ;-) #gtchat
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- 4:45 pm **danyelwierson:** @MrsThorne #gtchat. Thank you for this ?

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- 4:47 pm **dafna\_m:** Always feel as a working mom that I'm NOT present enough in the classroom. Gives kids space from me, but too much? #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **asynschlrshnd:** RT @DeborahMersino Join w/other parents for emotional support. Start group!<-- parent support groups can be resource- \$ life-savers! #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip #10: Talk with your child! {Encourage research/love of learning...And remember that you have options re schooling} #gtchat
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- 4:48 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DavidsonGifted @DeborahMersino an advocacy uber-challenge is a sympathetic teacher with an unsympathetic administrator. #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **Ron\_Peck:** @iwantwealth Thanks for the tip. #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** Love the energy today - and the new tweeps! We've got about 10 minutes left. Final thoughts, tips, suggestions, learns? #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **dafna\_m:** @GiftedPhoenix hahahahahahahahahahahahaha #gtchat #gtchat
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- 4:49 pm **LesLinks:** Be aware that school year can start ok.. but come early /mid spring tolerance of boredom can bring probs.. so prepare for is good.. #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino I like Tip 10 Endeavour to build life long love of learning for child #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **asynschlrshnd:** RT @DeborahMersino Even offering to make copies can go a long way to building trust.<--Agreed! Provide resources to all teachers 2 #gtchat

- 4:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dafna\_m - You are not alone re working mom. Remember, lots can be done in terms of support via email/etc. #gtchat
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- 4:56 pm **FrazzId:** RT @Ron\_Peck: I love these chats! I always learn something new. Awesome! // Me too! #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsynchSchlrslrsFnd - Again, going in prepared, empathetic to their concerns (state-mandated testing requiremnts), can go a long way... #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **asynchschrslrsfnd:** RT @Ron\_Peck: I love these chats! I always learn something new. Awesome! #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @GiftedPhoenix Well said.Things might be rocky at first-it happens. Be patient & work hard on making improvements-model persistence! #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **Ron\_Peck:** RT @DeborahMersino: Last tip from Lloyd: Don't over-schedule your child & don't let older child over-schedule themselves. #gtchat...
- 4:56 pm **jofrei:** RT @dafna\_m: If you want to quickly follow those who chatted today click here: <http://tweepml.org/AM-gtchat-7-30/> #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Ron\_Peck I love these chats! I always learn something new. Awesome! #gtchat <= We love that you're here!!
- 4:57 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @MrsThorne Understood - but starting to monitor presumably, as part of an ongoing process? #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **dafna\_m:** @DeborahMersino Thanks for bringing this community together! #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino Thanks for moderating another stimulating discussion. Everyone here is wonderful. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** Also, if you notice true problems in child/teen, run, don't walk to get support/help. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **lilnerdette:** Blast, work again...sorry I didn't really participate. I'm sure it was a good chat! #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **danyelwierson:** RT @DeborahMersino: Also, if you notice true problems in child/teen, run, don't walk to get support/help. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @DeborahMersino: Also, if you notice true problems in child/teen, run, dont walk to get support/help. #gtchat
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to get support/help. #gtchat

4:58 **DavidsonGifted:** Remember, kids absorb everything! If you are negative about school situation- they  
pm will be too. If you are positive-they will be... #gtchat

4:59 **Ron\_Peck:** @DeborahMersino Thanks and I appreciate your efforts in moderating these  
pm discussions. #gtchat

4:59 **asynschlrnsfnd:** Must dash for conference call...thanks @DeborahMersino & all! #gtchat  
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4:59 **GiftedHF:** @mygiftedgirl #gtchat #Gifted in college links: <http://tinyurl.com/kosglh>  
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4:59 **DazzlId:** Shameless plug alert! @FrazzId and I have finally started our blog here:  
pm <http://www.dazzledandfrazzled.com/> Be nice to us! #gtchat

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pm school situation- they will be too. If you are positive-they will be... #gtchat

4:59 **DeborahMersino:** Mood swings, risk taking, feelings of hopelessness, drug/alcohol use, problems in  
pm school, violent behaviors..via @DukeTIP Get help! #gtchat

4:59 **danyelwierson:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Remember, kids absorb everything! If you are negative about  
pm school situation- they will be too. If you are positive-they will be... #gtchat

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pm run, dont walk to get support/help. #gtchat

5:00 **TeachJohnson:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Remember, kids absorb everything! If you are negative about  
pm school situation- they will be too. If you are positive-they will be... #gtchat

5:00 **DeborahMersino:** Wow! The hour went by fast today. Thank you to all who participated! I'll post  
pm transcript shortly. Well done, everyone! #gtchat

5:00 **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Remember, kids absorb everything! If you are negative about  
pm school situation- they will be too. If you are positive-they will be... #gtchat

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pm [http://print.ditd.org/young\\_scholars/Guidebooks/Davidson\\_Guidebook\\_Advocating.pdf](http://print.ditd.org/young_scholars/Guidebooks/Davidson_Guidebook_Advocating.pdf)  
for tips. #gtchat

5:00 **GaryBrannigan:** @DazzlId Is your blog better served with wine! #gtchat  
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5:01 **TeachJohnson:** I enjoy the chats too. Thank you. #gtchat  
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5:01 **jofrei:** cybraryman1 @DeborahMersino Thanks for moderating another stimulating  
pm discussion. Everyone here is wonderful - I second that! #gtchat

5:01 **danyelwierson:** @DavidsonGifted #gtchat Very important to remember. Don't make their experience  
pm worse.

5:01 **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Check out our advocacy guidebook:  
pm [http://print.ditd.org/young\\_scholars/Guidebooks/Davidson\\_Guidebook\\_Advocating.pdf](http://print.ditd.org/young_scholars/Guidebooks/Davidson_Guidebook_Advocating.pdf)  
for tips. #gtchat

5:01 **FrazzId:** @DeborahMersino TY so much yet again. Great chat. Looking forward to the next  
pm already! #gtchat

5:01 **DeborahMersino:** A special thanks to @DavidsonGifted for the many resources/sage input. Well done,  
pm Erik! #gtchat

5:01 **FrazzId:** @GaryBrannigan Absolutely..the more, the better! #gtchat  
pm

5:01 **DazzlId:** @GaryBrannigan Only a good Bordeaux will do! #gtchat  
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5:02 **danyelwierson:** #gtchat what is the later chat today? I didn't see what the vote winner was.  
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- 5:02 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @LJConrad What happened to the lazy cat?
- 5:02 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Thanks Deborah! Lots of great info shared on today's chat, and very timely w/back-to-school looming. Have a nice weekend, everyone! #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Thanks to all and have a great day/night! #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** @danyelwierson: Our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic will be: "Looking Beyond: #Gifted Advocacy 2.0 & Your Role." Hope you join us!
- 5:03 pm **MrsThorne:** @GiftedPhoenix usually from first data collection. I go on CATs initially but have colleagues who wait til Easter & get staff rx #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @MrsThorne OK - understood. Thanks! Now what's that about a horse in the garden? #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **LesLinks:** Try to keep the big picture in mind.. there are many roads that can be followed if one school or situation does not work out.. #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **FrazzIld:** Midnight/GMT topic: "Looking Beyond: #Gifted Advocacy 2.0 & Your Role" See you all later! #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **dafna\_m:** Woot! RT @DeborahMersino: Our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic will be: "Looking Beyond: #Gifted Advocacy 2.0 & Your Role." Hope you join us! #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from 07.30 noon/EST #gtchat on "Starting Off 2010-2011 School Year Well: Tips/Support <http://bit.ly/97Kd2S> {Scroll to 4pm}
- 5:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks: Try to keep the big picture in mind.. there are many roads that can be followed if one school or situation does not work out.. #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **LesLinks:** Thankyou Deborah again for just being. From small actions great things can sometimes come... and look at the great thing uhavedone! #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 07.30 noon/EST #gtchat on "Starting Off 2010-2011 School Year Well: Tips/Support <http://bit.ly/97Kd2S> {Scroll to 4pm}
- 5:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @deborahruf - Here's the transcript: <http://bit.ly/97Kd2S> {Scroll to 4pm}; I'll email soon regarding how-to join/participate/see the #gtchat
- 5:30 pm **asynschlrshnd:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Check out our advocacy guidebook: [http://print.ditd.org/young\\_scholars/Guidebooks/Davidson\\_Guidebook\\_Advocating.pdf](http://print.ditd.org/young_scholars/Guidebooks/Davidson_Guidebook_Advocating.pdf) for tips. #gtchat
- 5:32 pm **asynschlrshnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: @danyelwierson: Our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic will be: "Looking Beyond: #Gifted Advocacy 2.0 & Your Role." Hope you join us!
- 5:33 pm **asynschlrshnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 07.30 noon/EST #gtchat on "Starting Off 2010-2011 School Year Well: Tips/Support <http://bit.ly/97Kd2S> {Scroll to 4pm}
- 5:39 pm **asynschlrshnd:** RT @LesLinks: Thankyou Deborah again for just being. From small actions great things can sometimes come... and look at the great thing uhavedone! #gtchat
- 7:46 pm **marlenearmstron:** Having a meeting w/ NEW gifted team. 4 tchrs have never taught gifted--What do you think I should I include in the agenda? #gifted #gtchat
- 8:41 pm **marlenearmstron:** @asynschlrshnd How do we log on? #gtchat #Gifted
- 9:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @marlenearmstron: Having a meeting w/ NEW gifted team. 4 tchrs have never taught gifted--What do you think I should I include in the agenda? #gifted #gtchat
- 9:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** @marlenearmstron - More info on #gtchat can be found here: [www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat](http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat). Would love you to join us. #gifted
- 9:57 pm **KTVee:** @marlenearmstron tell them about #gtchat; Hoagies, and Byrdseed.com
- 10:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour to #gtchat! Topic: Advocacy 2.0 #gifted. Join us!

- 10:12 pm **armadillosoft:** RT @DeborahMersino: Less than an hour to #gtchat! Topic: Advocacy 2.0 #gifted. Join us!
- 10:22 pm **teach2gt:** @plnaugle Thanks for the welcome. I did miss #gtchat today, will have to find the site to read the updates.
- 10:23 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Less than an hour to #gtchat! Topic: Advocacy 2.0 #gifted. Join us!
- 10:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teach2gt - Transcript from #gtchat on "Starting Off 2010-2011 School Year Well" <http://bit.ly/97Kd2S> {Scroll to 4pm}
- 10:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teach2gt I typically post transcripts right after #gtchat & then post to [www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat](http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat) the next week. :-)
- 10:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Pardon heavy stream. Feel free to unfollow. Topic: Advocacy 2.0. #gifted
- 10:58 pm **dafna\_m:** Excited to tweet about advocacy for the next hour in #gtchat! Chime in if you believe in advocacy! #gtchat
- 10:58 pm **Frazzlld:** RT @DeborahMersino: My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Pardon heavy stream. Feel free to unfollow. Topic: Advocacy 2.0. #gifted
- 10:58 pm **ljconrad:** AArrggg???? What's that tweet app everyone uses? Heeeellppp!!! #gtchat
- 10:59 pm **Frazzlld:** @ljconrad tweetchat.com #gtchat
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - Some use TweetChat. You can also do it the old-fashioned way and just search #gtchat.
- 11:00 pm **ljconrad:** @Frazzlld Thank you! #gtchat :D
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to global #gtchat! Our topic: "Looking Beyond: #Gifted Advocacy 2.0 & Your Role." Join us!
- 11:00 pm **dafna\_m:** @DeborahMersino Do you want me to keep a follow list of who joins or do you think it unnecessary? #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **Frazzlld:** @DeborahMersino tweetchat makes it all so much easier though. The old-fashioned way used to make me really frazzled! #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dafna\_m - Sounds good to me! TY! #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **jofrei:** Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources in Melbourne Australia here also mum and grandmum of gifted #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **Dazzlld:** Evening to all, Karen here, parent, advocate and blogger! #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld - LOL! :-) #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **deepwaterscoach:** \*sliding into home plate, stirring up big poof of dirt\* SAFE!!! Hey, all, sliding in under the wire for the chat. Bring.it.On! #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, mom to 2 girls (8 & 9), consultant to GT communities - residing in Colorado. #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - What an entrance!!! Welcome. #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **dafna\_m:** @deepwaterscoach She's S A F E!!!! #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **Frazzlld:** Catherine in Ireland. Parent, advocate and support group coordinator and brand new blogger with @Dazzlld #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hello Ireland. Hello Australia. Glad you're here! #gtchat

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11:03 **ljconrad:** Hi! Lisa from Pittsburgh aspiring gifted consultant, gifted parent , pres local gifted parents grp #gtchat

11:03 **danyelwierson:** #gtchat Mom of 3. 1 at PG HS, one re-entering public school at HG SWAS program. 1 unknown ala Jack Jack

11:03 **DeborahMersino:** Loads of resources on this subject as you know. I'll post while u introduce. #gtchat

11:03 **deepwaterscoach:** Hi! Lisa Lauffer here. Life coach to gifted and parents thereof. Parent to 2 gifted kiddos (1 is 2e). On state board assoc for GT #gtchat

11:03 **DeborahMersino:** Advocacy: From Micro to Macro via @DukeTIP <http://bit.ly/9E3DSw> #gtchat

11:04 **LesLinks:** Hi Les here in Ireland Mom and Ed Consultant in Gifted ... and laundry sorter after city camp x2... yucky... #gtchat

11:04 **deepwaterscoach:** I'm trying to rival @ljconrad who always makes a grand entrance! @DeborahMersino @dafna\_m #gtchat

11:04 **DeborahMersino:** Incredible Advocacy Links via @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/aACRqz> #gtchat

11:04 **ljconrad:** @deepwaterscoach haha #gtchat

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11:05 **dafna\_m:** @LesLinks Good luck with the laundry! I get my 2 GT kids back Sunday and trunks of laundry as well! #gtchat

11:05 **deepwaterscoach:** Speaking of advocacy, can we have a second of silence (the Twitter equiv of a moment) for Javits? I'm wearing my black armband. #gtchat

11:05 **danyelwierson:** RT @DeborahMersino: Incredible Advocacy Links via @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/aACRqz> #gtchat

11:05 **DeborahMersino:** NAGC's Advocacy Toolkit <http://bit.ly/atFRmX> #gtchat

11:05 **FrazzIld:** RT @DeborahMersino: Incredible Advocacy Links via @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/aACRqz> #gtchat

11:05 **deepwaterscoach:** @ljconrad smoochies to ya, you grand-entrance maker, you! #gtchat

11:05 **DeborahMersino:** State Affiliate Sites via @NAGCGIFTED <http://bit.ly/aGEcYX>{US} #gtchat

11:06 **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: Speaking of advocacy, can we have a second of silence (the Twitter equiv of a moment) for Javits? I'm wearing my black armband. #gtchat

11:06 **ljconrad:** Where am I? #gtchat

11:06 **DeborahMersino:** I agree w/ @DeepWatersCoach re Javits. Let's talk about the imbalance/lack of provision for #gifted. #gtchat

11:06 **FrazzIld:** Seems like a lot of us are doing post-camp laundry this weekend! #gtchat

11:07 **ljconrad:** @deepwaterscoach ;) #gtchat

11:07 **DeborahMersino:** Q#1 - Is it a political issue? Economic issue? Myth issue? All of the above? I believe it's lack of vision! #gtchat

11:07 **deepwaterscoach:** RT @FrazzIld: Seems like a lot of us r doing post-camp laundry this weekend!//the unexpected challenges of raising the gifted! LOL! #gtchat

11:07 **danyelwierson:** RT @deepwaterscoach: Speaking of advocacy, can we have a second of silence (the Twitter equiv of a moment) for Javits? I'm wearing my black armband. #gtchat

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**KTVaa:** we do so much to tutor or kids in need (we should!) but then think it's okay when

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- 11:00 pm **KTVee:** we do so much to take care of kids in need (we should), but then think its okay when kids learn nothing new day after day #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **Ijconrad:** NAGC changing membership levels in Sept; joining then #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIld @LesLinks Here's hoping all the campers had a blast! #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: NAGCs Advocacy Toolkit <http://bit.ly/atFRmX> #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KTVee - So true. I've said it before and I'll say it again, it's a CIVIL RIGHTS issue! #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Q1 I agree it's lack of vision, but even more than that, I think politicians think we're small in numbers and \$\$ #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: @KTVee - So true. I've said it before and I'll say it again, it's a CIVIL RIGHTS issue! #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Academic Advocacy for Gifted Children: A Parent's Complete Guide <http://bit.ly/cYBxrT> {exc. book} #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **LesLinks:** NAGC link...<http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=36> Advocacy #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **Ijconrad:** Don't mourn Javits forever. It was more research than direct sponsoring of gifted IMHO We can do better. Let's look forward! #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **dafna\_m:** My second favorite household chore is ironing. My first being hitting my head on the top bunk bed until I faint. Erma Bombeck #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** For anyone who missed/real update on Javits from CEC <http://bit.ly/aR3cop> #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **KTVee:** Q1: The myths cause the political issues which cause the money issues... vicious cycle! #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **dafna\_m:** I think it is a bigger issue than just GT funding. Funding for any kid not at the top of the bell curve is dismal. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **danyelwierson:** @DeepWatersCoach #gtchat not to go all manifesto, but the govt. takes care of the people who are easiest to control, not the challengers.
- 11:11 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @KTVee: Q1: The myths cause the political issues which cause the money issues... vicious cycle! #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **LesLinks:** @dafna\_m Bombeck.... was household name in our house too.. growing up.. ;-) #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **Ijconrad:** Advocacy is a lot easier for gifted as a whole than for own children. I've grown weary of the battles with S.D. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @danyelwierson Oo...excellent point, and well said! #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** It's interesting b/c advocacy must start local/needs to be, but also must be supported statewide/nationally. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **LesLinks:** @FrazzIld Too true... #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **FrazzIld:** @dafna\_m Yes, it is also a lack of understanding and training #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **jofrei:** RT @KTVee: Q1: The myths cause the political issues which cause the money issues... vicious cycle! Yes from Aus! #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DazzIld:** Q1 I think it's a combination. In Ireland gt education was barely spoken about, even in the economic boom #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @danyelwierson: @DeepWatersCoach #gtchat not to go all manifesto, but the govt. takes care of the people who are easiest to control, not the challengers.

- 11:12 pm **KTvee:** just think, every person who we can educate can add to our strength in numbers #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **Ijconrad:** Ya know, money issues at the local level are bogus arguments. There's always money for sports and administrators' pay raises #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q2: How many of you think gifted support needs to be mandated? If so, how? If not, why? #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Ijconrad I mourn Javits-seemed 2 b our only foot in the budget door. Now we have to open the door all over again. & it seems locked #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Frazzlld: @dafna\_m Yes, it is also a lack of understanding and training #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q2: Without the funding behind the mandates (which allows 4 training), it can be useless. I think it's necessary, but complex. #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **dafna\_m:** Again, I think broadly, let's connect w/the LD community and others and get mandated support. #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **Frazzlld:** Much can be done for little money if only people recognised the real needs of these kids #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q2: I also wonder how much our overall educational systems (in our ind. countries) affect GT. Edreform needed 4 all. #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach I know.. so depressing.. hard enough to have got it in the first place.. #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @dafna\_m Again, I think broadly, let's connect w/the LD community and others and get mandated support. #gtchat /agree!
- 11:15 pm **KTvee:** advocacy starts in schools, w/every teacher, staff, and admin... we can't allow for misunderstanding or make excuses #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **Dazzlld:** Q2 What needs to be mandated is comprehensive teacher training as part of primary teaching qualification, the rest would follow #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **dafna\_m:** We have GT prog's in our pub schools but not enough space for kids and teachers poorly trained. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Q2 GT is the hidden special needs category. How much do we mandate for special needs on the other end? #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **Frazzlld:** @DeborahMersino No doubt ed reform is needed for all and would benefit GT. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **Ijconrad:** @deepwaterscoach There's light at end of the nat'l US budget, but you have to scour the new ed bills. I'll get info out this wk #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **Frazzlld:** RT @Dazzlld: Q2 What needs to be mandated is comprehensive teacher training as part of primary teaching qualification, the rest would follow #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **KTvee:** Q2: It should be a law; take away a child's IEP, there's a lawsuit; take away g/t services... some don't blink an eye #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q2: Back to mandating/civil rights, it seems that otherwise, gifted are left to suffer silently (unless can afford private). #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **dafna\_m:** Yes! RT @deepwaterscoach: Q2 GT is the hidden special needs category. How much do we mandate for special needs on the other end? #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **LesLinks:** @dafna\_m If they can all come under a 'exceptional needs' umbrella it could work.. but it always depends on how things are seen... #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Dazzlld: Q2 What needs to be mandated is comprehensive teacher training as part of primary teaching qualification, the rest would follow #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **jofrei:** Q2 In Aus appreciation of GT needs comes and goes in cycles relating to which party is in power and who is being vocal #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Ijconrad I appreciate you doing that. I'll believe it when I see it! #gtchat

11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - will be interested in what you wrestle up. #gtchat

11:17 pm **ljconrad:** Teacher training imperative. Would go a long way to cooperation & dispelling myths #gtchat

11:17 pm **FrazzIld:** @KTvee Is that why there's reluctance to classify GT as a special need, perchance? #gtchat

11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - We get pennies on the dollar...so short-sighted #gtchat

11:18 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @ljconrad: Teacher training imperative. Would go a long way to cooperation & dispelling myths #gtchat

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11:18 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach Special needs.. In California they were under SN, then they became separate.. it was the death toll.. #gtchat

11:18 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @ljconrad: Teacher training imperative. Would go a long way to cooperation & dispelling myths #gtchat

11:18 pm **dafna\_m:** The principal of my kids school offers training to pub school teachers on GT ed. Very few choose to attend. #gtchat

11:18 pm **KTvee:** @FrazzIld I think so; keeping it flexible means ppl can choose to do what they wish; and that isn't always a good thing #gtchat

11:18 pm **deepwaterscoach:** We have a mandate here in Colorado, but how many districts actually follow it? How many schools even know who their gifted are? #gtchat

11:18 pm **jofrei:** RT @DazzIld: Q2 mandatecomprehensive teacher training as part of primary teaching qualification, the rest would follow #gtchat

11:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q3: What are they/gov/ed leaders are afraid of? Innovation? Critical thinking? #gtchat

11:19 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: @DeepWatersCoach - We get pennies on the dollar...so short-sighted//so true! #gtchat

11:19 pm **dafna\_m:** @deepwaterscoach even identified gifted can't get into programs b/c of lack of space. My story... #gtchat

11:19 pm **ljconrad:** PA has had mandate since 1940's - unfunded! #gtchat

11:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dafna\_m - so sad. I'm grateful that teachers in this district are well-trained/supported. #gtchat

11:20 pm **deepwaterscoach:** It's almost like we need special forces teachers in the workforce--undercover educators who can ID gifted an advocate for kids. #gtchat

11:20 pm **dafna\_m:** Q3 afraid is the wrong term, with everyone in charge running for office during their terms, no time for change #gtchat

11:20 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @dafna\_m: @deepwaterscoach even identified gifted cant get into programs b/c of lack of space. My story...//that's just wrong! #gtchat

11:20 pm **ljconrad:** Leaders can afford to send their kids to elite, private schools #gtchat

11:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - And ultimately (even in CO), it's the local school board who allocates monies/matching funds (some won't). #gtchat

11:20 pm **LesLinks:** This is same for Ireland... once they were manuvered out from under the SN banner.. they were/are lost... I have no hope, #gtchat

11:20 pm **FrazzIld:** Q3. Leaders want to be politically correct...we are all "equal". Can't possibly recognise one group as smarter. #gtchat

11:20 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @ljconrad: PA has had mandate since 1940s - unfunded!//and we're back to the \$\$ issue #gtchat

- 11:20 pm **dafna\_m:** @DeborahMersino What district are you in? I'm in DPS. #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino because no one takes them to court. #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad PA has had mandate since 1940's - unfunded! #gtchat <= exactly.
- 11:21 pm **ljconrad:** Sorry, but teachers I know w/o gifted kids of their own ... very opposed to gifted ed #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @FrazzIld: Q3. Leaders want to be politically correct...we are all "equal". Can't possibly recognise one group as smarter. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **dafna\_m:** @ljconrad lack of true understanding of what a gifted child really is. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **KTVee:** @ljconrad what is the most common argument for their opposition to g/t? #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dafna\_m - District 6 (Greeley-Evans)...have loads of leadership support. Grateful. Incredible GT teachers. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach Amen.... no one takes them to court... #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **danyelwierson:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Q3 they're afraid of people who can see past their facades and certainly don't want to nurture more of them.
- 11:22 pm **dafna\_m:** @DeborahMersino I may have to move! :- ) #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @ljconrad: Sorry, but teachers I know w/o gifted kids of their own ... very opposed to gifted ed//that's so sad! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **ljconrad:** @KTVee ugh ... every child is gifted #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **FrazzIld:** Good point. No one can afford to be the test case. RT @deepwaterscoach: @DeborahMersino because no one takes them to court. #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - Excellent point. Where will REAL movement happen? Legal? Local? Homeschooling? Edreform for all? #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **LesLinks:** @LesLinks A friend of mine has always said.. that no change will ever happen unless family is brave enough to go to court... #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @ljconrad: Teachers I know w/o gifted kids of their own ... very opposed to gifted ed//doesn't all mean ALL re: ed'ing kids? #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @ljconrad: @KTVee ugh ... every child is gifted //so very ugh #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DazzIld:** @ljconrad my answer to that is: every child has gifts, but not every child is gifted #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **KTVee:** @ljconrad why don't we say "Every child has unique needs!" g/t is their unique need #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **dafna\_m:** I really believe this is the time to make connections with learning challenged across the board and demand attention. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @FrazzIld: RT @ljconrad: @KTVee ugh ... every child is gifted //so very ugh//i see that ugh and raise you one! ugh ugh!!! #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dafna\_m - Come on up! :- ) Had to fight hard though to keep it from being cut last year. Seems like school brd./adm. get it tho. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks: @LesLinks A friend of mine has always said.. that no change will ever happen unless family is brave enough to go to court... #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @dafna\_m: I believe this is the time to make connections with learning

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pm challenged across the board and demand attention.//Yes! #gtchat

11:25 **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @FrazzIld: RT @ljconrad: @KTVEe ugh ... every child is gifted //so very ugh//i see that ugh and raise you one! ugh ugh!!! #gtchat

11:25 **ljconrad:** I work in sped in my own district - that's why I formed and now head gifted parents grp #gtchat

11:25 **DeborahMersino:** IMHO - it's time to apply business sensibilities to the advocacy efforts. #gtchat

11:26 **dafna\_m:** We are heading into a new school year. Many parents of kids with "needs" are ripe with concern. Let's start a movement. #gtchat

11:26 **KTVEe:** tchrs have to focus on how to differentiate to meet g/t needs in the classroom and the needs will start to become more apparent! #gtchat

11:26 **dafna\_m:** Let's! RT @DeborahMersino: IMHO - its time to apply business sensibilities to the advocacy efforts. #gtchat

11:26 **DeborahMersino:** Too often, academics (no disrespect intended) build silos around themselves/can't even agree on defin. of #gifted = problem #gtchat

11:26 **KTVEe:** ppl are less likely to deny something when they have personally had experience with it #gtchat

11:27 **danyelwierson:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Agreed! Appeal to the corporations for more endowments for GT.

11:27 **ljconrad:** preview of tomorrow's blog post - "This is our moment, this is our time":) #gtchat

11:27 **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach As I have said this too.. If they are not included under the SPED umbrella .. they will be lost. End of story.. #gtchat

11:27 **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino @dafna\_m w/ your biz sawy & leadership moxie, something shld be able to manifest itself! #gtchat

11:27 **KTVEe:** when ppl don't understand what g/t is, I just invite them into my classroom #gtchat

11:27 **DeborahMersino:** We need the Ian Byrds and the KTVEes of the world to be front and center. Combo of edreform & meeting GT needs. #gtchat

11:28 **ljconrad:** All my son's life - Teacher: well, I have twenty+ other kids to worry about #gtchat

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11:28 **dafna\_m:** @deepwaterscoach It will take ALL of us. Once the legislative season opens we need to be ready. #gtchat

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11:29 **ljconrad:** This MUST be a global movement! #gtchat

11:29 **KTVEe:** @DeborahMersino thx; but don't forget @DeborahMersino front and center! :) #gtchat

11:29 **FrazzIld:** RT @ljconrad: preview of tomorrows blog post - "This is our moment, this is our time":) Sounds promising! #gtchat

11:29 **DeborahMersino:** If government, biz, and community leaders were astute, they would immediately "rise up" to ensure local GT were served/not bored. #gtchat



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**LesLinks:** @dafna\_m Ya Global... #gtchat

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**jofrei:** @DeborahMersino trouble going to court is -takes so much extra energy time,etc Hard to do battle while main focus is on own family #gtchat

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**dafna\_m:** RT @Frazzlld: RT @KTvee: @DeborahMersino thx; but dont forget @DeborahMersino front and center! :) YES!! #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** I applaud all of those who have done so much for gifted ed. Where would parents be w/o Carolyn K of Hoagies, Prufrock, NAGC leaders? #gtchat

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**deepwaterscoach:** RT @dafna\_m: @deepwaterscoach It will take ALL of us. Once the legislative season opens we need to be ready.//Need you w/ NAGC!!! #gtchat

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**Frazzlld:** @DeborahMersino Then everyone else would complain that all the smart kids were getting help they don't need. Myths need busting too #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** God bless the @DavidsonGifted /s of the world. Why aren't there more Davidsons? Not only for PG, but for gifted too? #gtchat

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**danyelwierson:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat through financial support and influence it's the corporations that can really help turn this around.

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**ljconrad:** #gtchat has helped me realize that we are all facing the same issues with our kids! It will take a global effort to combat myths #gtchat

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**deepwaterscoach:** RT @Frazzlld: @DeborahMersino Then everyone else wld complain that smart kids were getting help they dont need. Myths need busting 2 #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** We're moving into a new Conceptual Age/Conversational Age...we need linchpins. Old school is just that... #gtchat

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**deepwaterscoach:** @danyelwierson brings up a good pt. Maybe we need to go private? Tap the Lockheeds & the Boeings & other orgs that need gt ppl ed'd #gtchat

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**dafna\_m:** We need to develop materials that explain GT in non threatening words to the great community. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @danyelwierson - so agree. even if local parent groups befriended top corps in city/town - shared key points/much could be done. #gtchat

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**ljconrad:** RT @Dazzlld: With global economies in tatters &creative thinkers needed to get us out of the mess, time is ripe to fund gifted ed #gtchat

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**deepwaterscoach:** RT @Dazzlld: With global economies in tatters & creative thinkers needed to get us out of the mess, the time is ripe to fund gt ed #gtchat

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**LesLinks:** @ljconrad There are many many out there trying, but as hard and as depressing for them [Globals} as for this group.. same issues no\$ #gtchat

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11:34 pm **dafna\_m:** I don't know if private is the final answer, but I do believe tapping the lockheed martins of the world to fund school is good. #gtchat

11:34 pm **cybraryman1:** I've got my official GT tardy pass working on my GT Advocacy links. Won't take this sitting down! <http://bit.ly/8rDekG> #gtchat

11:34 pm **Ijconrad:** I have concerns with corporations funding education; too much influence #gtchat

11:35 pm **bfwritergt:** RT @deepwaterscoach: @danyelwierson brings up a good pt. Maybe we need to go private? Tap the Lockheeds & the Boeings & other orgs that need gt ppl ed'd #gtchat

11:35 pm **KTVee:** ed gov't must shift from test-taking and bubble filling to development of creativity, thinking, and problem solving #gtchat

11:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** And no death by committee!! Just passion/empowering parents/educators (like those on #edchat ) to advocate for differentiation. #gtchat

11:35 pm **danyelwierson:** @DeepWatersCoach #gtchat That would be perfect! They should see the value in funding their potential engineers and inventors.

11:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - It doesn't feel like #gtchat until you arrive. Welcome!

11:35 pm **Ijconrad:** Dystopia comes to mind when corporations control access to education #gtchat

11:36 pm **danyelwierson:** @Ijconrad #gtchat far less influence than the gov't...

11:36 pm **FrazzIld:** @cybraryman1 Hi there. We missed you! #gtchat

11:36 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino Death by committee!! hahahah... yes... #gtchat

11:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm a Seth Godin fan. What we teach now = Industrial Age/Cog thinking. What we need to teach = leadership, problem solving. 4 all. #gtchat

11:36 pm **lilnerdette:** RT @dafna\_m: We need to develop materials that explain GT in non threatening words to the great community. #gtchat

11:37 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino I did not forget to include one of your links on my GT Advocacy section: <http://bit.ly/8rDekG> #gtchat

11:37 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @cybraryman1: My GT Advocacy links. Wont take this sitting down! <http://bit.ly/8rDekG> #gtchat

11:37 pm **LesLinks:** @cybraryman1 Hello my friend... good to see you here... #gtchat

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11:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** I applaud teachers - like leaders on #edchat - who see need for edreform! Many, tho, still disagree w/need for GT (not all/but some) #gtchat

11:38 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @danyelwierson: @Ijconrad #gtchat far less influence than the gov't...//& far less waste. School district leak \$\$ like crazy. #gtchat

11:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @FrazzIld: RT @cybraryman1: My GT Advocacy links. Wont take this sitting down! <http://bit.ly/8rDekG> #gtchat

11:38 pm **Ijconrad:** @cybraryman1 we can't seem to get you away from the card catalog! #gtchat

11:38 pm **ecollins8:** RT @DeborahMersino: If government, biz, and community leaders were astute, they would immediately "rise up" to ensure local GT were served/not bored. #gtchat

11:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** To me, the power of collaboration/connectedness taking place thanks to Web 2.0... #gtchat

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could/should ignite healthy frenzy or advocacy. #gtchat

11:39 pm **Ijconrad:** @DeborahMersino Ah ... now there's the ticket!!! #gtchat

11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** If only all teachers/parents/leaders/gov/biz could "see" what happens when a gifted child's needs are being met. The glow! #gtchat

11:40 pm **Frazzlld:** The ones with the most vested interest are parents, so we really need to step up to the plate, band together and shout loudly #gtchat

11:40 pm **dafna\_m:** @DeborahMersino I believe this connectedness will give us the power we need to be successful in ways not yet seen. #gtchat

11:40 pm **danyelwierson:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat I'm all about healthy frenzies. It shows people are paying attention.

11:40 pm **4BabyAndMom:** RT @DeborahMersino: If only all teachers/parents/leaders/gov/biz could "see" what happens when a gifted child's needs are being met. The glow! #gtchat

11:40 pm **cybraryman1:** @LesLinks I was here hovering like a helicopter twitterer. We need to come up with a game plan & mission statement #gtchat

11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** I highly respect the leadership of CEC/NAGC and want to encourage more parents to become involved w/these & state orgs. #gtchat

11:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld - Amen! Well put. #gtchat

11:41 pm **dafna\_m:** @cybraryman1 Again with the helicopter. Watched Homer like five times today! #gtchat

11:41 pm **danyelwierson:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Not just the glow, but the INNOVATION!

11:41 pm **LesLinks:** @ecollins8 If they wr REALLY asstute, they w/ realise w/ a loss 2 a population, nt serving/supporting their creative/talented/gifted #gtchat

11:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** To me, parents have been the missing piece of the puzzle. #gtchat

11:42 pm **Ijconrad:** It's all about the endgame! How different would world be today if gifted had been supported in past. No illnesses? No wars? #gtchat

11:42 pm **LesLinks:** @cybraryman1 Lurking..... ;- ) #gtchat

11:42 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: To me, parents have been the missing piece of the puzzle.//pls say more abt this #gtchat

11:42 pm **dafna\_m:** Parents need to gain/earn respect from educators... RT @DeborahMersino: To me, parents have been the missing piece of the puzzle. #gtchat

11:42 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @Ijconrad: Its all about the endgame! How different would world be today if gt had been supported in past. No illnesses? No wars? #gtchat

11:43 pm **4BabyAndMom:** @DeborahMersino I'm currently fighting my sons sd to give him the #gifted education he deserves. It's so overwhelming sometimes.. #gtchat

11:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** Think about the Civil Rights movement, ADA, all of it. Combine it with our current economy/outlook/competition...should be a way. #gtchat

11:44 pm **Ijconrad:** Older parents must support younger parents! speed up learning curve #gtchat

11:44 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino We hear you... it isn't easy... #gtchat

11:44 pm **Frazzlld:** Parents are all we have in Ireland to fight the cause. No GT teachers/specialists/training. Hence my passion and my love of #gtchat

11:45 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @Dazzlld: @Frazzlld Absolutely, make noise, but not like a bunch of looney toons! Need to be measured and professional #gtchat

11:46 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino Personally, I think we need 2 take action long be4 the day of a

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pm certain vote—we need to FLOOD legis. w/ our voices #gtchat

11:46 **DeborahMersino:** RT @Asynchschrfsnd Sorry, joining late... What an amazing discussion! #gtchat  
pm <= Glad you're with us!!

11:46 **deepwaterscoach:** @asynchschrfsnd Ah, there you are! So good to see you! #gtchat  
pm

11:46 **cybraryman1:** We need to educate the policy makers. Need support of everyone to do that. #gtchat  
pm

11:46 **BrendonWalker:** @DeborahMersino we've certainly seen the opposite. Would be great to get more  
pm "glow"! #gtchat

11:46 **deepwaterscoach:** RT @cybraryman1: We need to educate the policy makers. Need support of  
pm everyone to do that. //yes! #gtchat

11:47 **DeborahMersino:** @4BabyandMom - Glad you're with us. You are not alone! #gtchat  
pm

11:47 **asynchschrfsnd:** RT @ljconrad: Older parents must support younger parents! speed up learning  
pm curve<--support groups are critical! #gtchat

11:47 **DeborahMersino:** @BrendonWalker - Happy Saturday, my friend. You sure have. Glad you're with us!  
pm #gtchat

11:47 **LesLinks:** @BrendonWalker Hello Mr. Walker.. nice to see you.. #gtchat  
pm

11:47 **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: @DeborahMersino Personally, I think we need 2 take action  
pm long be4 the day of a certain vote—we need to FLOOD legis. w/ our voices #gtchat

11:47 **KTvee:** govt only wants to see "higher test scores" don't really seem 2 care about a glow of  
pm excitement on a kids face:( #gtchat

11:47 **ljconrad:** All politics is local. Need to start at local (sch brd), then state, b4 nat'l #gtchat  
pm

11:47 **dafna\_m:** Yikes, crazy hail storm here. How's by you @deepwaterscoach? #gtchat  
pm

11:48 **4BabyAndMom:** @cybraryman1 Thnx,it's been about a yr-so hard not to get discouraged.I never  
pm realized how little attn was given to #gifted students #gtchat

11:48 **deepwaterscoach:** Welcome! #gtchat  
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11:48 **DeborahMersino:** Great example: When advocating here, members of District Acct. Commtte thought  
pm distr served dozen GT kids. We serve 1,200! #gtchat

11:48 **ljconrad:** RT @LesLinks: @BrendonWalker Hello Mr. Walker.. nice to see you.. #gtchat  
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11:48 **deepwaterscoach:** @dafna\_m Not yet, but perhaps headed our way? I'm rooting for thunderhail!!! #gtchat  
pm

11:48 **asynchschrfsnd:** @cybraryman1: We need to educate the policy makers. Need support of everyone to  
pm do that.<--hear, hear! But also the public. #gtchat

11:49 **deepwaterscoach:** @dafna\_m Joking aside, you guys ok over there? #gtchat  
pm

11:49 **dafna\_m:** Wow! RT @DeborahMersino: When advocating here, members of District Acct.  
pm Commtte thought distr served dozen GT kids. We serve 1,200! #gtchat

11:49 **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - agree...like what the DukeTIP article says about micro to macro tho.  
pm Haven't read full piece, but look forward to it. #gtchat

11:49 **deepwaterscoach:** RT @asynchschrfsnd: @cybraryman1: We need to educate the policy makers.  
pm Need support of everyone to do that.<-- also the public. #gtchat

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11:49 **FrazzIld:** Support groups are indeed critical and caan work together as advocacy groups too.

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More voices make louder noise #gtchat

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**dafna\_m:** @deepwaterscoach yes, really noisy, but OK. My fiance just walked in... #gtchat

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**4BabyAndMom:** @DeborahMersino Thanks!Hoping to take valuable resources to my next meeting. I'm willing to do w/e needs to get done to help my son. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Truth is, parents w/kids today are a "smaller" generation, but mighty 2. Must tap resources 4 kids on own, while advocating. #gtchat

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**danyelwierson:** RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @KTVEe: govt only wants to see "higher test scores" dont really seem 2 care about a glow of excitement on a kids face:( #gtchat

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**dafna\_m:** How do we move together to make some next steps? #gtchat

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**deepwaterscoach:** @dafna\_m @DeborahMersino School districts/govts are unaware exactly how many kids we're talking abt. Our Senator had NO IDEA! #gtchat

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**FrazzIld:** RT @KTVEe: govt only wants to see "higher test scores" dont really seem 2 care about a glow of excitement on a kids face:( #gtchat

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**4BabyAndMom:** R/T @FrazzIld Support groups are indeed critical &can work together as advocacy groups too. More voices make louder noise #gtchat ABSOLUTELY

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**DeborahMersino:** @4BabyAndMom - A positive outlook, empathetic view toward admin/teachers helps. And knowledge. Wishing you all the best! #gtchat

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**LesLinks:** @dafna\_m Problem I see is many times this wheel gets spun around and around.. but never moves forward.. it needs traction... #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** We need today's business linchpins/creative thinkers to support efforts IMHO - and parents #gtchat

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**asynschlrfsnd:** RT @FrazzIld: Support groups are indeed critical and caan work together as advocacy groups too. More voices make louder noise #gtchat

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**dafna\_m:** @LesLinks So let's get some traction going. Who do we need to invite to this chat for example? #gtchat

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**Ijconrad:** If you research NCLB, you will see that corporate greed drove US education into ground. We must all be vigilant on this #gtchat

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**jofrei:** RT @dafna\_m Problem I see is many times this wheel gets spun around and around.. but never moves forward.. it needs traction.TRUE! #gtchat

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**4BabyAndMom:** @DeepWatersCoach Thanks. Our school just got a new AP; she's got a gifted 9yo, so I am much more hopeful for this year. #gtchat

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**danyelwierson:** #gtchat my oldest is at Davidson Academy. Davidsons have done a great job of educating politicians in NV.

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**asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino parents need to be superheroes: How is that fair? But we'll do it if that's what it takes to have kids' needs met #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - So true. Truth is - we don't need to reinvent wheel. Academics have been amazingly helpful/research. Need to act. #gtchat

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**jofrei:** RT @dafna\_m: @LesLinks So lets get some traction going. Who do we need to invite to this chat for example? #gtchat

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**FrazzIld:** @LesLinks No reason to give up though. But vital that everyone pulls together, not as individuals.That can be counter-productive. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @dafna\_m - I like your thinking, sister. Perhaps a congressman or two? I would love to see CEC and/or NAGC be actively involved 2. #gtchat

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**asynschlrfsnd:** @dafna\_m re: who do we need to invite to this chat to gain traction? people with nat'l audience/bull in media. ed and policymaking. #atchat

- 11:54 pm **ljconrad:** #gtchat = inspiration + resources! How's that for some 'new' math #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @danyelwierson: #gtchat my oldest is at Davidson Academy. Davidsons have done a great job of educating politicians in NV.
- 11:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @danyelwierson - hear, hear...again, go @DavidsonGifted! {again, I pose ? Why aren't there more?} #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @danyelwierson We hope to replicate that (not the academy; the education of policymakers, educators & public) in CA. #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **dafna\_m:** Let's make a list and btwn us we can get some influencers to listen in on a chat and hear us. #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **4BabyAndMom:** @danyelwierson #gtchat But how do we get that ripple in NV to the rest of the states? (and world?!)
- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Time flies...I know it seems we circle, but I do hope you feel hope-ful! Final thoughts everyone? #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @jofrei: RT @dafna\_m: @LesLinks So lets get some traction going. Who do we need to invite to this chat for example?/good question #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @ljconrad: #gtchat = inspiration + resources! Hows that for some new math #gtchat
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- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsyncSchlrshnd - Good for you! Go CA! #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @dafna\_m We also should get someone from Hollywood - srsly, there are those who use the platform to gain support for their messages. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DazzIld:** Need to invite more teachers, policy makers, and (for Ireland) #ctyi to take part #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **dafna\_m:** I can contact the founder of my children's GT school. She is a huge advocate locally with some national influence. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **danyelwierson:** #gtchat Find your local politicians on FB and recommend the chat
- 11:57 pm **cybraryman1:** We need to hear from GT grads who went on to become successful people #gtchat We could use their help and expertise.
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach @dafna\_m - Let's do/I can post topics/feel free 2 send ideas that might be attractive to decision-makers/influencers #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **4BabyAndMom:** @AsyncSchlrshnd Are there any stars that have #gifted children that would help advocate? Interesting.. #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @4BabyAndMom We replicate it in one more place at a minimum and it will gain attention: one spot is an exception; two makes a trend #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **dafna\_m:** @asynschlrshnd Not a bad thought. Which actor has GT kids, how about what's his name from Fresh Prince? #gtchat
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- 11:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - LOVE that idea. #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @4BabyAndMom: @AsyncSchlrshnd Are there any stars that have #gifted children that would help advocate? Interesting..//hmmm #gtchat
- 11:59 nm **ljconrad:** @4BabyAndMom most 'stars' are talented and gifted! #gtchat

11:59 **Frazzld:** You can count on me and @Dazzld to twist a few arms over here! Would love some  
pm influential Irish at #gtchat

11:59 **danyelwierson:** #gtchat Most child stars are GT. Find the ones who have grown up and not gotten  
pm into trouble. Wil Wheaton comes to mind. He's on here.

11:59 **asynschlrnsfd:** @dafna\_m Will Smith? Also in the UK the lead actor from Doctor Who asked the  
pm BBC to advocate for #gifted kids (they said no). #gtchat

11:59 **DeborahMersino:** I know a few celebrities...will give it thought. #gtchat  
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11:59 **deepwaterscoach:** RT @dafna\_m: @asynschlrnsfd how about whats his name?//He might be a  
pm LITTLE offended by being called "What's his name?" LOL! #gtchat

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