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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Recently, your child participated in an online assessment called Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®). We give MAP assessments to determine your child's instructional level, to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of language arts and math.

NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) is a highly regarded, non-profit, educational service organization with over 30 years of experience developing adaptive assessments based on educational research. The assessments are fully aligned with the State curriculum model and have been used by many of our neighboring districts in Oakland County for years.

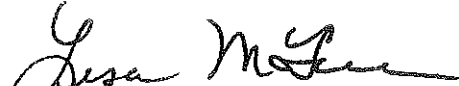
MAP assessments are unique in that they adapt appropriately to your child's level of learning. As a result, teachers can pinpoint with specific accuracy, not only your child's level of understanding, but also mastery of specific concepts in each area. This provides teachers with the ability to truly address each student's individual academic needs, through programming and materials.

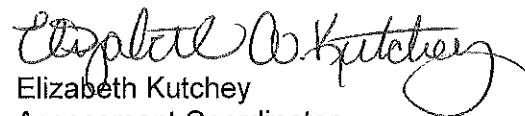
Each school year, students in kindergarten through tenth grade take these assessments in the fall, winter and spring. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth. Student assessment results are reported in RIT scores, which are also known as Rausch Units. A RIT score indicates both an instructional level and progress over time. First test cycle results will be sent home no later than Friday, October 20. For more detailed information on understanding your child's scores, please visit our website at www.wsdmi.org under "Current Students or Parents/NWEA".

We are truly excited to continue to focus on every student's individual growth and achievement. Parents and teachers partnering to help all children learn, can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our students.

If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,


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