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Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the period September 19-October 19, 2011, Edina students in grades 1-9 will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). The MAP assessments measure student knowledge and skills in reading and mathematics and, in particular, assess student academic growth. Data from these assessments assists in personalizing learning and school accountability.

Edina has used the MAP testing process for many years. We have MAP testing in the fall for two reasons. First, having the data early in the school year allows more time for your child's teachers to use the data in helping plan and deliver instruction that meets your child's needs. Second, the test publisher, Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), has extensive data on typical fall-to-fall growth among national samples of students. When you receive the report of this year's scores, we will be able to compare your child's growth to this yardstick.

Your child will take the MAP tests on a computer. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt during testing to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. On average, students will require about 45 minutes for each test – reading and math. However, the tests are not timed and students may take as much time as needed.

You will be able to access your child's MAP results via SchoolView within approximately two weeks of when your child completes testing. You will also receive a printed report of your child's achievement, including a listing of previous MAP results, near the time of parent-teacher conferences. If you have any questions about the testing, please contact your child's teacher or me at chaschmidt@edina.k12.mn.us/952-848-4942.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's learning.

Sincerely,

Chad Schmidt, Ph.D.

Director of Research and Evaluation