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Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the period of September 26-October 19, 2011, Edina students in grade 1 will take an assessment called the Measures of Academic Progress for Primary Grades (MAP Primary).

The MAP Primary is a sister assessment to the MAP that is administered to Edina students in grades 2-9. Many other districts in the Twin Cities area have been using the MAP Primary for several years. The information we have gathered from these districts as well as our own indicates that students generally find the MAP Primary assessment to be a positive experience. Data from these assessments assists in personalizing learning.

The MAP Primary is administered in four segments so that these young students do not become fatigued by testing. Two segments will address reading while the other two will focus on mathematics. Your child will take the tests on a computer. On average, students will require about 30 minutes for each test segment. However, the tests are not timed and students may take as much time as needed.

MAP and MAP Primary assessments are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for each child's level of learning. As you discuss the testing with your child, let him/her know that they should try their best but that every student will find some questions difficult. No one is expected to get all of the answers correct. It is your child's personal best that we are all interested in. Over their years in Edina, they will take the MAP at least annually and their growth will be charted over time. This – their growth regardless of start point – is what is of most interest.

You will receive a report of your child's achievement near the time of parent-teacher conferences, but will be able to access results via SchoolView within approximately two weeks of your child completing testing. If you have any questions about the testing please contact your child's teacher or me at 952-848-4942.

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

Sincerely,

Chad Schmidt, Ph.D.

Director of Research and Evaluation