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Dear 2nd Grade Parent/Guardian:

This January, your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress* (MAP*). MAP tests are used to determine a student's instructional level and to measure academic growth in the areas of Reading and Mathematics. Our district will also use the January MAP results as one piece of information for the district-wide Vision 21 identification process for 2nd grade students.

The MAP is a pair of tests, one in reading and one in math, which your child will take on the computer. There is no time limit on the tests, but most students take from 40-50 minutes to complete each test. The MAP is a computer adaptive test. This means that as your child answers correctly, the questions become more difficult. If your child answers incorrectly, the questions become easier. By presenting questions based on your child's answers during the test, the MAP test identifies his/her appropriate learning level.

Following the winter testing period, you will be able to access your child's MAP test results in the Skyward Family Access System. There will be more information coming early February on how to access the January test results.

If you have questions about the structure of the MAP tests, please contact Stacey Lackner, Director of Research and Evaluation, at stacey.lackner@wayzata.k12.mn.us or (763) 745-5065.

For more information on resources for parents, download the *Parent Toolkit* from NWEA at http://www.nwea.org/support/article/930/parent-toolkit.

Sincerely,

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