



## **BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

Recently your child participated in a 'new' assessment called the **Measures of Academic Progress™** (MAP). This school year, along with ten other Rhode Island districts, Barrington is piloting the **MAP** in Grades 5, 6, 8 & 9 in the areas of Reading and Mathematics.

The Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), a non-profit organization with over 40 years of experience, designed the assessment. **MAP** tests are unique in that the questions adjust to the appropriate level for each child's learning by providing immediate differentiation through computer administration. The greatest strengths of **MAP** tests are the short administration time and minimal use of class time. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude during the administration. The results provided to teachers are accurate, formative representations of your child's growth and allows teachers to address specific concerns in a timely fashion.

Teachers will be reviewing the results to determine the goals for improving learning for each student. You will receive a report showing your child's performance and the areas that need to be addressed. If you are interested in learning more about the MAP Assessment, you can visit the NWEA Parent Toolkit located on NWEA website at <http://www.nwea.org> or contact your child's teacher.

We are excited to have this opportunity to assess our students with this assessment that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. By collaborating to help all kids learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children. We appreciate your support and look forward to collaborating together to build success of all students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Betty A. Calise  
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