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Dear Parent(s):

During the month of October starting on October 8, your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®). We give students MAP tests to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of English/Language Arts, Math, and Science. These tests will allow our staff to better meet the academic and instructional needs of your child. Each student will take the tests on a computer.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. Over the next few days, your child will spend a total of about 3-4 hours completing these tests.

Each school year moving forward, students in grades K-12 in the Custer School District will take the tests in September, January, and May. Since this is our first year administering this assessment, we were not able to be ready until October this year. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth.

We are truly excited to begin a new era that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. Partnering to help all kids learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

For more information on resources for parents, download the **Parent Toolkit** at www.nwea.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Hurd".

Jeremy Hurd
Principal
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