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Dear Elmbrook Families,

The School District of Elmbrook recently administered the Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP) Growth assessment to all students in first through eighth grade and select groups at the high school level. This assessment was administered to our virtual learners as well as our face to face students. The district's goal is to have timely assessment data that guides instruction and helps to determine students' instructional levels. MAP assessments are administered three times each year, in the fall, winter and spring. We are very excited to use MAP results as part of our Balanced Assessment Program. The data will be valuable in tracking your child's growth over time*.

Your child's MAP results will be sent home by his or her classroom teacher, or with virtual students next material pick up. These reports reflect your child's instructional level and growth in the areas of math and reading. MAP assessments are taken on a computer using software that is programmed to adapt to how your child answers each question. The questions become more difficult as your child successfully progresses through the assessment. Conversely, when a child answers a question incorrectly, the questions become less difficult. In addition, these assessments are aligned with the School District of Elmbrook's curriculum and the State Standards.

Your child's MAP results are reported in RIT scores. This is a different type of score than a typical test that provides a percentage of correct responses. MAP is also different from many tests that provide results based on your child's score compared to others in his or her grade. Instead, the RIT score is an equal-interval scale, like feet and inches, that is independent of grade level. As a result, student growth can be easily measured over time both throughout a school year and between years.

The MAP Reading results also provide another valuable piece of information about a student's reading ability, the Lexile measure. The Lexile measure is shown as a numerical range. Higher Lexile measures represent a higher level of reading ability. The Lexile score provides a tool to help educators accelerate student growth by helping to select books and curriculum materials that are appropriately challenging for each student. Lexile measures are used to monitor growth in reading ability over time. Parents can access the resource Find a Book at <http://www.lexile.com/fab/> to locate "just right" books by entering your child's Lexile range.

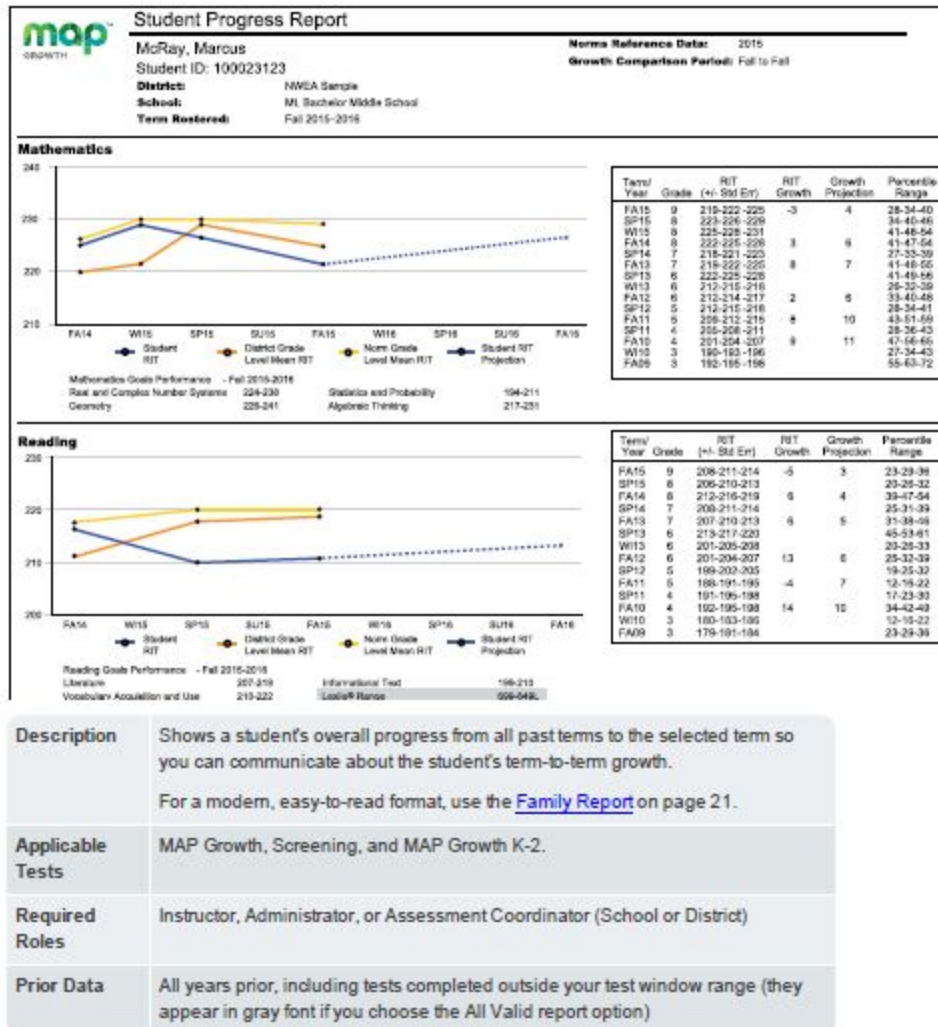
I hope you find your child's MAP reports informative. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or building principal. For additional information regarding NWEA's MAP assessments, you can navigate to the NWEA Parent Toolkit at <https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/>. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's building principal or school counselor with any questions or concerns you may have.

We are truly excited to continue this new educational era that encompasses the integration of student growth data as part of our educational system. When we partner together to help all students learn we can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

Sincerely,

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Student Progress Report



*Please Note - New Norms for 2020 MAP Data

If you are comparing results for your child from prior years, you will notice changes to percentile ranges from prior MAP reports. NWEA engages in renorming the MAP data cyclically. This process is done to maintain precise and accurate estimates of student achievement within a subject that can be evaluated within a coherent interpretive context. The 2020 NWEA MAP Growth norms can provide one source of context.

For many reasons, it is inadvisable to compare performance of a student on one set of MAP Growth test norms to his or her performance on another set of MAP Growth test norms (i.e., 2015 versus 2020 norms). NWEA strongly advises the use of the 2020 MAP Growth norms, especially when reviewing data trends over time, because these norms provide the most current and accurate reference for MAP Growth scores.