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Subject: **NWEA (MAP) Testing**

NWEA (MAP) Testing will take place at RWB for two hours in the morning during the week of September 20th: Monday - 6th Graders, Tuesday - 7th Graders, Wednesday - 8th Graders, Thursday - Small Group Testing, Friday - Make-ups. Please ensure that students get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast prior to their testing day.

Directions (which will be read to the students) are as follows:

Students, please type in the first three letters of your last name in the Last Name box, and press Search. Find your name on the list, and click on it so that it turns blue. Once it is highlighted in blue, press Finish.

Look at your computer screen. Check to be sure that it has your name. If it does not, please raise your hand now.

Today you will be taking a test called Measures of Academic Progress, also called a MAP test, which is designed to show your mathematics and reading knowledge. Give this test your best effort.

This test has 52 questions for mathematics and 42 questions for reading. Use all of your knowledge and best test-taking skills to complete the test.

You will have enough time to read and answer all the questions. Some questions will be easy; others will be more difficult. Be sure to read the directions to each item first, then the problem, and finally, read ALL of the answer choices. If you really do not know the answer to a question, use your best test-taking skills to eliminate some answer choices. Then choose the best answer of the choices that remain. You cannot skip questions.

There are different ways to choose your answer for each question. The best option for most students is to use the mouse to click anywhere on the answer. Otherwise, type the letter of the answer you select and press the Enter key.

There are two ways to move on to the next question. The best option for most students is to use the mouse to click on the Go On button. The other option is to press the Enter key on the keyboard.

You may click on as many answers to a question as you like, but once you click Go On or press the Enter key, you are finished with that question. Your answer

is locked into the system, and you cannot change it. You also cannot go back to a previous question.

Since you will be taking the mathematics test today, I want to tell you about some tools that will assist you. Next to your computer are paper and a pencil. You can use them to solve problems. For some questions, a calculator will appear on the screen. You may use the calculator, but you are not required to do so. If you need to move the calculator, raise your hand and an adult will show you how. If you want to remove it from the screen, click the Hide Calculator button at the bottom of the screen. The calculator will not always be there. It will not be there if you're not allowed to use it.

If you are unsure about a word in a mathematics question, raise your hand and an adult will pronounce the word for you. We cannot tell you what the word means, and we cannot explain any symbols.

Sometimes, a reading passage may be too long to fit on the screen at the same time. If that is the case, be sure to use the scroll bar on the right-hand side of the screen to scroll down so that the whole passage and the matching question are displayed.

Sometimes you may see the same passage repeated with different questions. This is okay – continue working.

This probably will not ever happen, but should you come across a question that appears to be missing answers, questions, or instructions, raise your hand so we can help you.

Each test, Math and Reading, will take about one hour to complete; however, it is not timed, and you will be given time to finish.

When you come to the end of the Math test, your score will be displayed on the screen. Click Continue. You will be prompted as to whether you would like to print the results. Click No. Then your name will reappear. Click Start Test.

If you have any concerns once the test has started, raise your hand and an adult will come to you. We are not allowed to provide you with any additional information during the test other than pronouncing a word in a question for you.

I can now reread any part of the instructions if you have questions. Are there any questions?

You may begin by clicking on Start Test.