

## SALT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

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Dear D48 Families:

During the time period of October 12 - October 30, 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 reading and math.

MAP tests are a computerized test that is dynamic in nature. This allows each testing session to adapt for your child's appropriate level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. During the testing sessions, your child will spend a total of about one to two hours completing these tests.

Each school year, students in grades K-8 will take the tests in Fall, Winter, and Spring. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth. Your child does not need to study to prepare for the MAP test. This test is being used to assess what your child already knows. This way, our team of teachers can use the data to better reach the needs of your child. Your school principal or your child's teacher will be able to give you the exact date of testing.

For students that are taking the MAP assessment remotely, the testing sessions will be done in small groups and caregivers may need to be involved in the process as students coordinate with proctors remotely. What is most important for caregivers to recognize is that because the test is dynamic in nature and will adapt to find the appropriate learning level for each child, students will get a number of questions correct and incorrect. Accurate information will be the most useful to us and your child, so please allow them to take the assessment independently, other than to support them with accessing the assessment itself.

For more information on resources for parents, download the *Family Toolkit* at https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal or my office.

Sincerely.

Dr. Christopher Martelli

Director of Curriculum and Instruction