



Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation

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Dear Parent,

Enclosed you will find your child's Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test results. These tests help determine your child's current instructional level and also provide an annual measure of academic growth.

MAP tests are unique in that they are adaptive tests your child took on a computer. That means that the more questions your child answered correctly, the more difficult the questions became. When your child incorrectly answered a question, the test became easier. Therefore, your child took a test specifically created for his or her learning level.

Another unique aspect of MAP testing is that results are reported in *RIT scores*. The RIT score is an equal-interval scale, like feet and inches on a yardstick, which is independent of grade level. The same scale is applied to all students at all grade levels, so that growth over time can be easily measured. By comparing results from two testing sessions, such as last spring and this spring, it is easy to see where academic growth has occurred and where additional instruction needs to take place.

I hope you find the enclosed reports informative. If you have questions about MAP testing in general, please contact my office at 258-9588. To discuss your child's results or specific concerns related to his or her academic progress, please contact the school principal. There are also some excellent parent resources, such as the *Parent Toolkit*, available at www.nwea.org.

Thank you for taking an active interest in your child's education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Nimitz".

Nancy Nimitz
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction