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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

The West Jefferson Hills School District believes that the future of education is characterized by a customized and highly personalized system where the instructional methodologies are optimized for the needs of each learner. As part of our commitment to this District Core Value, we are pleased to announce the implementation of a new assessment tool designed to provide accurate information about your child's unique learning needs.

In the coming days and weeks, your child will take a MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA® using a Chromebook while at school. These tests are used to determine students' instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the school year (and from year to year) in Math and English-Language Arts.

MAP® Growth™ tests are unique in that they adapt to your child's level of learning. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This results in a detailed picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level.


Since MAP® Growth™ tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to modify instruction for individuals or groups of students. Specific skill areas for intervention and/or enrichment in Math and English-Language Arts are identified for each student and provide an important baseline for personalizing learning.

MAP® Growth™ reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same grade and subject and have the same starting performance level. Each school year, students in kindergarten through eighth grade will take the test in the Fall, Winter and Spring. Each test takes approximately 45 minutes or less to complete. Parent reports will be sent home once the second assessment is completed in the Winter. This additional time will allow for greater accuracy of growth results and give our team the necessary time to learn about student MAP results and best reporting practices.

We are genuinely excited to focus on your child’s individual growth and achievement. Additionally, we appreciate your patience and support as we grow in our own learning of how to best utilize MAP® Growth™ to help every student in the West Jefferson Hills School District grow.

For more information about the MAP® Growth™ test, visit NWEA.org/Parent-Toolkit.

Sincerely,



Mr. Matthew Patterson
 Assistant Superintendent
 of Elementary Education



Mr. Scott Milburn
 Assistant Superintendent
 of Secondary Education

School	Grades	Subject	MAP Assessment Dates
Jefferson	1-5	Math/English Language Arts	9/18/2017 9/19/2017
McClellan	1-5	Math/English Language Arts	9/20/2017 9/21/2017
Gill Hall	1-5	Math/English Language Arts	9/22/2017 9/25/2017
Pleasant Hills Middle School	7	Math	9/25/2017 9/26/2017
Pleasant Hills Middle School	7	English Language Arts	9/27/2017 9/28/2017
Pleasant Hills Middle School	6	Math	10/2/2017 10/3/2017
Pleasant Hills Middle School	6	English Language Arts	10/4/2017 10/5/2017
Pleasant Hills Middle School	8	Math	10/10/2017 10/11/2017
Pleasant Hills Middle School	8	English Language Arts	10/12/2017 10/13/2017