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Dear West Jefferson Hills School District Families,

During the month of September students in grades 1-12 were assessed in math, reading, and science using the Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP) test. Kindergarten students will complete their MAP assessment in October with their results being sent home at that time. Your child's Fall NWEA MAP report was sent home today with your child. Please ask your child to see his/her MAP report.

From this assessment, teachers and principals establish building/grade-level achievement and growth goals, tailor instruction designed to challenge every student at their own level of achievement, and establish short/long-term goals with each student. Using this information, a personalized pathway for learning is created both in school and through the various supplemental online programs used by the district. This assessment identifies gaps in achievement while also providing school and district leaders with important predictive information about how students are likely to perform in the future on other assessments such as the ACT, SAT and PSSA. This information is then used to develop strategies for helping all students meet and exceed their own performance projections.

You are invited to attend a 45 minute, *virtual* informational session on **Monday, October 17th, beginning at 5:30 PM**. This session will give you additional information about the assessment process and how the data is used to inform teaching practices and continuously improve programming for all students. Please [click here](#) to register for this session. If you are unable to attend this session but would like to receive a recording of the session, please use the link to register.

If you need additional assistance, please reach out to your child's teacher, building principal or me.

The NWEA MAP is just one of several important components in providing exceptional learning experiences for all students in the West Jefferson Hills School District. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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**Resources for Families**

[NWEA MAP Parent-toolkit](https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/): <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/>

[NWEA MAP Parent FAQ](https://www.nwea.org/blog/2017/12-common-questions-parents-ask-map-growth-assessment/): <https://www.nwea.org/blog/2017/12-common-questions-parents-ask-map-growth-assessment/>