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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Miller Place School District is committed to assuring that every student graduates prepared to successfully meet the challenges of the 21st century. District initiatives supporting the goal of *College and Career Readiness* include updating and aligning curriculum and the continued use of student data to inform classroom instruction and increase student growth.

Since September 2013 the District has utilized the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA™) Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) computerized evaluations to measure student growth. Each evaluation takes approximately 30-50 minutes for primary grades, approximately 30-45 minutes for grades 3-5, and approximately 45-60 minutes for grades 6-8. The brevity of the administration allows for the maximization of classroom instructional time. There is no test preparation that is required at home or at school prior to the NWEA™ assessment.

This year, students will participate in a fall, winter, and spring administration session in English Language Arts and Math. The winter evaluation will provide a mid-year benchmark for progress in English Language Arts and Math.

The NWEA™ evaluation is not an evaluation that is applied toward student grading, teacher or principal evaluation, or any other type of data reporting. NWEA™ has no correlation to or association with any “high-stakes testing.” The data will be reviewed by your child’s classroom teacher and building administration only. For example, the data collected will include your child’s current Lexile (reading) range. Data will also be analyzed when considering needs for student enrichment or remedial services for Response to Intervention (RtI) and Academic Intervention Services (AIS).

Please feel free to learn more about NWEA™ by visiting the NWEA™ Parent Toolkit website which can be found at <https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/>.

Sincerely,

Susan G. Craddock

Assistant Superintendent