NVUSD
NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver,

Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, all schools in California will screen students in grades K - 2 for reading difficulties risk in compliance with Ed Code 53008. Students in our district will be screened using *Amplify mCLASS DIBELS 8*, which was adopted at the Board of Education meeting on May 8, 2025. The goal of this assessment is to catch any challenges early on so we can provide the right support at the right time, which research shows makes a huge difference in a child's reading success.

Since your child is in kindergarten through second grade, they will have an initial screening assessment completed between in August/September, with the midyear assessment scheduled to occur in January/February and the end of year assessment scheduled to occur in May. You will be notified of the results of the initial screening within 45 days, along with details about any next steps or follow-up, if needed.

If a student is flagged for risk, it doesn't equate to a diagnosis. It simply indicates that they are not yet where they need to be relative to the literacy skills expected of them at that time. This gives our teachers information about your child as a learner that will help them intensify instruction to meet their needs. This may look like any of the following:

→ Supporting students in the general ed class with a small group that focuses on targeted skills with their classroom teacher.

→ Supporting students in the intervention classroom with a small group that delivers further intensified instruction with a qualified and trained interventionist.

Opt-Out Option: Screening enables us to better support our students' needs and catch them before difficulties arise. However, if you would prefer to opt out of this screening, please notify your school office by the first day of school so that your student can be excluded from the assessment.

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