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Dear Parent/Guardian:

During September, your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress[®] (MAP[®]). We give students MAP tests to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of Reading (K-10), Mathematics (K-8), Language Usage (2-10), and Science (3-8). Your child will take the tests on a computer.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. During September, your child will spend about 3 hours completing these tests.

Each school year, students in grades K-10 take the tests in September, January, and May. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth. The first parent report will be shared with each family during parent/teacher conferences in October. A parent information night will be held on October 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Main Campus Theater to preview a MAP Student Progress Report.

We are truly excited to begin a new era that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. **Partnering to help all kids learn**, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

For more information on resources for parents, download the *Parent Toolkit* on www.lakotaonline.com.

Sincerely,

Lakota Local Schools