

Lockport Elementary School District 91

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Dear Parents/Guardians of District 91 Students:

District 91 will be conducting a new local assessment to measure student academic growth. The District 91 School Board approved MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) as our new local assessment. MAP assessments are computerized and focused in the areas of *Reading, Language Usage and Math Skills*. Grades 3-8 will take the regular MAP assessments in the aforementioned subject areas. Grades K-2 will take MAP for Primary Grades in *Reading and Math* only.

You may have a chart at home to measure your student's height at certain times of the year, to see how they have grown. MAP assessments will measure your student's growth in the three academic areas during the school year. We believe the computerized format of this local assessment will help students transition to the future computerized state assessment (PARCC), administration beginning in the spring of 2015. The MAP assessments will be administered three times a year.

MAP test results are important to teachers because they track the progress and growth of skills taught in the classroom. They let teachers know where a student's strengths are and if help is needed in any specific areas. Teachers use this information to help guide classroom instruction.

All students will participate in MAP testing from September 16-27. Your child will experience a different schedule due to testing. As with ISAT testing, student attendance is very important during testing week. Students should arrive to school well-rested after having a nutritional breakfast. You may want to take the opportunity to speak to your child if you find they may be experiencing apprehension due to testing or change in their daily school schedule.

If you have any questions regarding MAP assessments, or would like more information, please feel free to contact your building principal.

Sincerely,


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