## Herscher Community Unit School District No. 2

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## Dear Parent:

Sometime between September  $21^{th}$  and October  $6^{th}$ , your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress<sup>TM</sup> (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 and math. 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. 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 the testing cycle, your child will spend approximately one hour per subject completing these tests.

This school year, students in Kindergarten through 6th grade will take the tests in the fall, winter, and spring. Once testing is complete, you will receive a report indicating your child's scores.

We are truly excited to focus on your 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* at www.nwea.org >> Partner Support.

Sincerely,

Herscher CUSD #2 Administration

"Education... The Ultimate Investment."