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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF BRENTWOOD

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Throughout the school year we administer a variety of assessments to plan for your child's educational programming. Those assessments include the Measures of Academic Progress* (MAP*) in both English Language Arts and mathematics, DIBELS, the PSSA, and WIDA assessments for English as a Second Language students. Outlined below are the assessments and their administration windows.

NWEA MAPS

During the months of September, December/ January, and May, your child will be taking online tests entitled Measures of Academic Progress* (MAP*) in both English Language Arts and mathematics. The results of the MAP test will be used to determine your child's instructional level and to make instructional decisions. In addition, the assessment also measures academic growth throughout the school year and from year to year. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade take this assessment and make-ups will be scheduled if a child is absent on an assessment day.

DIBELS

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills benchmark assessments are given in September, December, and May to students in kindergarten through third grade. The assessments provide information about a child's literacy development, and they are one piece of information used to screen students for interventions.

PSSA

The PSSA assessments are administered in the spring to students in third, fourth, and fifth grades. The state provides the testing window and student attendance on test administration days is very important. This year's tentative assessment dates are:

ELA- April 22, 23, and 25, 2025

Math- April 28 and 29, 2025

Science (fifth grade only)- April 30, 2025 and May 1, 2025

WIDA

English as a Second Language students take the WIDA exam to gauge the development of the English skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Scores on this assessment determine the amount of ESL instruction that an individual student receives. This assessment is also used to exit students from the ESL program.

Winter 2025- Exact Dates TBD

If you have any additional questions about testing for your student, please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Betler, Ed. D. Principal, Moore Elementary