September 11, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of LCS’ Kindergarten-8th grade students,

Next week, your child’s teacher will begin administering the NWEA Assessment which is also known as the MAP Growth test. For students in grades Kdg-5th, your child will be taking the math and reading portions of the assessments. For grades 6-8, your child will be taking the math, reading, and science portion of the assessment.

As a parent, your first question is probably why. Why would my child’s school district be administering this assessment during a pandemic? Why would the school district give an assessment to students when they are not physically in the school building? Those are valid questions. The MAP Growth assessment helps teachers understand what students know today and what they are ready to learn so goals can be set to improve growth throughout the school year. These assessments will give our teachers data points on how they can adjust their instruction to meet the needs of each of the learners.

Your second question is probably how. This is another valid question. These assessments can still be administered even though we are starting the school remotely, but we will need your assistance. Your child’s teacher will be sending out a parent information letter as well as a parent video for you to watch. These documents will further help you understand the importance of the assessment and how you and your child can help prepare for the assessment.

As in years past, you will receive a parent report regarding your child’s progress on the assessment. You may notice that your child’s RIT score is lower than it was last year. Due to the Covid-19 slide, this is to be expected, but please know that our teachers will be working hard to close those gaps and continue to increase student achievement.

If you have any questions about this assessment, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher. Thank you for entrusting your child with us.

Together, we can. Together, we will!

Sincerely,

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