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Dear Non-CPS School Parent:

As you may know, the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) currently utilizes the Northwestern Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP) for the eligibility/selection process for students applying to schools with academic requirements, including, but not limited to, CTE-College and Career Academies, International Baccalaureate High Schools, Magnet High Schools, Service Leadership Academies, and Selective Enrollment Elementary and High Schools.

The NWEA MAP will be offered free of charge for students who do not currently attend a CPS school and will be applying for the 2021-2022 school year to grades 5-9 for schools with academic requirements.

The test is a two-part assessment: math and reading. Typically, the test is administered on two separate days; if you like, you can indicate your preference to have your child take both sections of the test on the same date. The test will be administered on May 9-10, 2020, May 30-31, 2020, and June 6-7, 2020. There will be two sessions offered on each of these days. The tests will be offered at Curie Metropolitan High School, 4959 S. Archer Ave.; Lane Tech High School, 2501 W. Addison St.; and Lindblom Math and Science Academy, 6130 S. Wolcott Ave. Students will be scheduled for the test location closest to their home address, based on site availability. **Note that indicating your preferred test weekend DOES NOT GUARANTEE that your child will be scheduled for that weekend.**

In order for students to be scheduled to test, the registration form must be received by the Office of Access and Enrollment no later than April 3, 2020. **PLEASE NOTE that your child cannot be considered for any school with minimum NWEA MAP eligibility requirements if they do not take the NWEA MAP that is administered by the Chicago Public Schools system.**

Please complete the NWEA MAP registration form and submit it to the Office of Access and Enrollment, indicating your preferred test weekend, as well as whether you want your child to take the test on one day or two. CPS will put test notification letters in the U.S. mail, to the home address on the registration form, approximately 1-2 weeks prior to the student's first test date. Reminder notifications will be sent as well, via robocall and email.

Please carefully review the NWEA MAP application and related material. Should you have additional questions after you review this information, please contact the Office of Access and Enrollment at 773-553-2060 or gocps@cps.edu.

Sincerely,

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