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Dear Catholic School Families,

We hope you've had a successful first week of fall MAP testing and share in our excitement of the richness of data it provides. The information gained from MAP is critical in crafting learning plans and personalizing instruction for all students. MAP data will inform teachers and leaders what each student knows and what they are ready to learn next. This allows faculty to create individualized action plans for each child to ensure growth in relation to the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards as well as college and career readiness goals.

It is because of this rich suite of data that the Regional Superintendents have recommended, in consultation with the Instructional Specialists, and the Superintendent of Schools Office, that the academic standards and their corresponding progress code components on the report cards be discontinued for grades 1 through 8 moving forward. To ensure families are aware of student progress and have strategic information related to student needs, each school will now send home the Family Report from NWEA MAP after each administration; fall, winter and spring.

The Family Report provides benchmark information on how students are achieving and growing in relation to national norms. The Family Report also provides a set of questions that serve as an entry point to an academically minded conversation focused on student growth and support. Through this, we seek to build upon our robust connection between families and schools as you can strategically ask questions on how to best support your child's learning needs in relation to MAP data, identify appropriate follow-up resources and create a plan of action directly with the teacher.

In the coming days your principal will be following-up with information on dissemination of the Family Reports. Please note, these reports are not fully available until the end of MAP testing. For your reference and more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit).

Sincerely,

Michael J. Deegan
Superintendent of Schools
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