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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-Level Assessments evaluate students' progress toward the Missouri Learning Standards. Grade-Level Assessments provide important information that contributes to decisions concerning individual students, groups of students, and educational programs. Assessments are given in the subject areas of Communication Arts (grades 3-8), Mathematics (grades 3-8) and Science (grades 5 and 8). (Science Scores will be released once cut scores are decided by the state).

The Grade-Level Assessments include multiple types of questions or items:

- **Selected Response (also known as multiple choice)** items are composed of a question followed by a series of possible responses. Students must select the correct response or responses.
- **Constructed Response or Short Text** items require students to supply an appropriate response rather than making a selection from a list of choices.
- **Performance Tasks/Events** allow students to work through more complicated items using real-world scenarios.
- **Technology Enhanced** items make use of technology in the presentation of the item, the ways in which students respond, or both. For example, students might listen to a story and then drag and drop labels into a diagram, or click on specific parts of a text to provide a response.

Your child's Individual Student Report (ISR), includes an Achievement Level, which will describe his or her performance as Below Basic, Basic, Proficient, or Advanced. The report will also include a short description of the knowledge and skills that are typically demonstrated by students in each Achievement Level.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) publishes a *Guide to Interpreting Results (GIR)* that provides additional details about the content of the Individual Student Reports. The GIR is available on the DESE website at: <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-gl-gir-spring-2019.pdf>

This year your students' Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be available at our 1st quarter Parent Teacher Conferences on October 22nd and 24th. If you are unable to make it to Parent Teacher Conferences, you may pick up your student's ISR from your student's building office October 15-24. Remaining ISRs will be mailed to the home address we have on file in our Student Information System.

Sincerely,

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