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Dear Parents,

Enclosed you will find a *Student Progress Report* providing the results of your child's **Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)** assessments from 2015-16 testing periods. MAP assessments are unique in that they are adaptive tests that your child took on a computer. The test became more difficult as your child answered questions correctly. When your child incorrectly answered questions, the test became easier. Therefore, your child took a test specifically created each time for his or her learning level.

Your child's MAP results are reported in **RIT scores**. This is a different type of score than what a typical test provides. It does not compare your child to other students in his or her grade level. Instead, the RIT score is an equal-interval scale, like feet and inches, that is independent of grade level. As a result, we can easily measure growth in learning. This type of score increases the value of the assessment because it enables teachers to recognize where to focus attention for your child's learning.

The MAP assessment is administered two or three times per year to students in grades 2-8. During parent-teacher conferences each fall, your child's teacher will inform you of his/her most recent RIT scores, along with a growth target for the rest of the school year in the areas of both reading and math. Each spring, you will receive a copy of the *Student Progress Report* giving the details of your child's MAP results from the school year. Focusing on the achievement and growth of every student is the top priority of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District.

For more information regarding MAP assessments, please go to the *MAP Information* link under the *For Parents—Parent Resources* menu on the district website.

Thank you for taking an active interest in your child's education and for your continued partnership with the school district.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "MaryBeth F. Paulisse".

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