HAWTHORN DISTRICT 73
Learning For All. Every One. Every Day.

Hawthorn District 73
841 West End Court
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

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Dear Hawthorn District 73 Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

I hope you are well and enjoying the start of our 2025-2026 school year! The purpose of this letter is to share information about upcoming student assessments. Students participate in a variety of academic assessments here at Hawthorn. These assessments allow us to gather information about our students' strengths, areas for growth, and progress over time. Two of our fall assessments are summarized below. Please note that your child's specific assessment dates will be shared by their school principal.

FastBridge earlyReading and earlyMath
The earlyReading and earlyMath assessment measures are administered to kindergarten and first grade students in the fall, winter, and spring. The assessments are composed of quick and flexible subtests, designed to measure and monitor the development of students' foundational reading and math skills. More information is available via the FastBridge website for earlyReading and earlyMath.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP Growth)
The MAP Growth assessment is administered to second through eighth grade students in the fall, winter, and spring. The assessment is aligned with the Common Core State Standards, and designed to measure achievement and progress in both reading and math. MAP Growth is computer-adaptive, meaning it adjusts in accordance with each student's responses to determine an appropriate level of questioning. Please access the MAP Family Toolkit for more information.

Each of the above assessments is only one indication of how well your child is performing academically. Daily learning experiences and classroom-based assessment measures help us develop a more complete picture of your child's skills. In addition, Hawthorn District 73 strongly values the growth and development of the whole child. Student attendance, participation in athletics and extracurricular programs, involvement in the fine and performing arts, service-learning efforts, and other positive contributions to our school and district community are all essential components of your child's learning.

If you have any questions regarding our district's comprehensive assessment program, please connect with your child's principal, assistant principal, or building assistant supervisor. You are also welcome to access the assessment page of our district website for more details about student assessment measures. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting the growth and learning of all Hawthorn students!

Sincerely,

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