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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is pleased to inform you that students in grades K-2 and selected 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be using *NWEA MAP Reading Fluency*. This assessment has been chosen in accordance with Maryland Senate Bill 734, which requires a screening of every kindergarten, first, second and new third grade student to identify if the student is at risk for reading difficulties. *NWEA MAP Reading Fluency* is an online assessment that will help your student's teacher determine your student's phonological awareness, phonics and word recognition, picture vocabulary, and listening comprehension.

The *NWEA MAP Reading Fluency* assessment will be administered between September 27, 2021 and October 20, 2021. *NWEA MAP Reading Fluency* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts questions based on your child's responses. It is expected that your child will not be able to answer every question correctly. *NWEA MAP Reading Fluency* is untimed, but most students complete the assessment in 20 minutes.

The results of the *NWEA MAP Reading Fluency* assessment will be used by teachers and staff to identify students who are at risk for reading difficulties and will provide reporting for teachers that will allow for individualized instruction. The purpose of this assessment is as an instructional tool for teachers and no grade will be assigned.

Your child's teacher will be communicating with you and your child to provide technological support, logistics, and steps on how to access the assessments.

It is critical that your child take the assessment independently with no assistance provided on test questions.

Your child will need your support by helping them select a quiet place to complete the assessment. Your child may also need your assistance with connecting to the *NWEA MAP Reading Fluency* platform, which is accessed through the Student Resources page on the PGCPS website.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's school.