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New Spanish Math Assessment Launched by Northwest Evaluation Association

Measures of Academic Progress Spanish-language Math assessment offers real-time data for teachers to improve achievement of Spanish-speaking students

Portland, OR – January 26, 2015 – Northwest Evaluation Association™ (NWEA™) announces the launch of a new Spanish-language math test within the Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) assessment.

“In the Irving Independent School District, 40% of our students are English language learners, 94 percent of whom speak Spanish as their first language. Over 14,000 ELL students are learning in our classrooms every day,” said Dr. Whit Johnstone, Division Director of Planning, Evaluation and Research at Irving Independent School District in Irving, Texas. “Our teachers need tools to steer their class with quick formative Spanish language mathematics assessments, which will enable them to find the gaps in learning and tailor mathematics instruction for each student to sustain growth. The MAP Spanish mathematics assessment will help fill that need.”

The MAP Spanish Math assessment is integrated into the computer adaptive MAP system, which provides information to teachers about student learning by pinpointing where students are ready to advance and where they need more support. MAP dynamically adjusts to each student’s level of learning, regardless of grade level, and provides actionable information for teachers to make instructional adjustments as students are ready to learn. MAP Spanish Math scores are comparable to MAP in English scores, and the test aligns to standards, including Common Core State Standards and Texas state standards.

“The new assessment brings us a step closer to realizing our mission of *partnering to help all kids learn*,” said Matt Chapman, president and CEO of NWEA. “Now these students can be measured with the same precision as their peers, so that teachers can help make instructional choices for them using trusted information.”

Similar to the English-language version of MAP, the MAP Spanish Math assessment is

part of an interim assessment system, and can be given at key points in the school year. It offers immediate feedback for teachers about where students are in their learning.

About Northwest Evaluation Association

Founded by educators nearly 40 years ago, Northwest Evaluation Association™ (NWEA™) is a global not-for-profit educational services organization known for our flagship interim assessment, Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®). More than 6,800 partners in U.S. school districts, education agencies, and international schools trust us to offer pre-kindergarten through grade 12 assessments that accurately measure student growth and learning needs, professional development that fosters educators' ability to accelerate student learning, and research that supports assessment validity and data interpretation. To better inform instruction and maximize every learner's academic growth, educators currently use NWEA assessments and items with nearly 10 million students.