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**NWEA Named Tech & Learning 2017 Awards of Excellence Winner
for MAP Growth and MAP Skills**

*Recognition of new MAP Suite assessment system that helps teachers impact
instruction*

Portland, OR – (December 5, 2017) – [NWEA](#), the not-for-profit creator of assessment solutions, today announced that its [MAP Suite](#) assessment system, which includes MAP Growth and MAP Skills, has been named a winner of Tech & Learning Magazine’s 2017 Awards of Excellence for Best Upgraded Products.

The Tech & Learning Awards of Excellence program recognizes the best new and upgraded education tools that help educators in teaching, training and managing with technology. A panel of Tech & Learning educator advisors rigorously tested hundreds of entries in several rounds of judging to determine the winners in two categories, New Products and Best Upgraded Products.

MAP Suite from NWEA is a comprehensive assessment system that features multiple ways to connect assessment data to improve instruction at every level – from helping individual students to evaluating programs for an entire district. MAP Growth and MAP Skills, both part of MAP Suite, were recognized as proven education tools that have made significant upgrades and enhancements.

MAP Growth K-12 interim assessments provide a stable scale and provide educators with real-time data to differentiate instruction, project proficiency on state tests, and track growth for every student. Key upgrades include the Student Profile report, which provides insight into what a student knows and is ready to do next; alignment with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS); premium reports for district leaders; and increased accommodations and accessibility for visually impaired students.

MAP Skills is a skills mastery and progress monitoring assessment from NWEA that helps educators save time by pinpointing discrete skill gaps to focus instruction and close achievement gaps. Key enhancements include bringing all assignment functions into a single dashboard; an improved heat map to monitor reading skills; an upgraded student interface; and improved supplemental resources for teachers.

In addition, by providing both a universal screener and progress-monitoring tool, the MAP Suite supports Response to Intervention (RTI) and Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) programs to support the academic needs of students experiencing academic difficulties in school.

A full list of the 2017 *Tech & Learning* Awards of Excellence winners can be found at <http://www.techlearning.com/contests/0007/2017-awards-of-excellence-winners/70877>. Detailed descriptions of the winners and judges' comments will be featured in the outlet's December/January awards issue.

More information on MAP Suite, including MAP Growth and MAP Skills, can be found at <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/>.

About NWEA

NWEA® is a mission-driven, not-for-profit organization that supports students and educators worldwide by creating assessment solutions that precisely measure growth and proficiency—and provide insights to help tailor instruction. For 40 years, NWEA has developed innovative Pre-K–12 assessments, professional learning that fosters educators' ability to accelerate student learning, and research that supports assessment validity and data interpretation. Educators in 140 countries and more than half the schools in the US rely on our flagship interim assessment, MAP® Growth™; our progress monitoring and skills mastery tool, MAP® Skills™; and the OECD Test for Schools (based on PISA). Visit NWEA.org to find out how NWEA can partner with you to help all kids learn.

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