

## **STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR NWCEO MEMBERS**

NWCEO has entered into a strategic partnership with the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) in order to give our members affordable access to the MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS. Highlights of the MAPS program include:

- Computer-based adaptive testing (without grade level boundaries) that provides detailed information on each student tested.
- Test items match student performance, not grade level
- Assessments in Reading, Language, Mathematics and Science which students can take up to four times per year, seasonally.
- Growth model that will measure a student's growth during the year and throughout a student's progression through the grades.
- Detailed reports on individual students and classes available within 24 hours of testing. ~~Class~~ Summary school-wide reports available within 72 hours following the close of testing window.
- Nationally normed.
- Aligned to Oregon Content Standards.
- Aligned to OAKS for grades 3-8 to provide proficiency predictions.
- Quality professional development and ongoing support.
- LEXILE score provided for each student that allows a teacher to match reading ability with academic content and student interest.

### **STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP INCLUDES:**

- Substantial discount for training (The normal cost is \$2,700 per school. NWCEO members would be able to access this same training for approximately \$750.
- \$12.50 per student (testing and reporting) without a required minimum. This provides a significant savings to charter schools with small student enrollment.
- Training and ongoing professional development will be with other charter schools throughout the state.
- An additional measurement of student achievement that is instructionally sensitive and focuses on student growth.

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Contact Beth Killian no later than June 19 at 503-353-1690 or [bkillian@nwceo.org](mailto:bkillian@nwceo.org) if you are interested in doing the MAPS testing for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Identify staff to participate in MAP training this summer (NWCEO and NWEA will coordinate this).
- The space is limited so schools will be taken on a first come/first served basis.
- Make sure your school is a member of NWCEO.
- Feel free to contact Joni Gilles at [jgilles@nwceo.org](mailto:jgilles@nwceo.org) if you would like additional information on the MAPS program.