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To: Superintendents of Schools; Non-Public School Directors

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Subject: NWEA Data Release to the NH Department of Education

As a service to schools and districts in implementing & maintaining the Follow the Child initiative, the NH Department of Education is partnering with NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) to incorporate the MAP assessments into the State's data warehouse. This notification and release requests your permission and cooperation to obtain your local data. This release will allow the NWEA assessment data to become available through the Performance Tracker tool. The release will authorize NWEA to provide raw student results data directly to the NH Department of Education. This release will not modify any existing agreements that enable you to receive and provide data directly between NWEA and your school/district.

The format and breadth of data exchanged between the NH Department of Education and NWEA will be determined by the Department and NWEA. Secure access to the assessment data will be provided through the i4see (Initiative for School Empowerment and Excellence): Follow the Child Assistance Center (currently the Sungard PerformancePLUS system). Student level data will only be accessible by those with authorization – i.e. local school/district authorized users. The individual student data will 'follow the child'. Therefore as a child moves out of your district to another public school in NH, the receiving school will gain access to the student's results.

I hereby release the NWEA data for _____ to be incorporated
District/SAU #/School

into the NH Department of Education's data warehouse.

Superintendent/Director Signature

Date

Printed Name