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Parents and Guardians:

For the second time, Grade 7 students in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will take the Maryland Measure of Student Technology Literacy (MMSTL) between November 30 and December 4, 2009. This measure is an online, Web-based tool that blends multiple choice questions and interactive performance-based items. It is designed to be completed in one 40-minute class period and is untimed. Results of the measurement are NOT for individual student accountability, but will give schools, the district office, and the state a snapshot of where we are with regard to student technology literacy. Scores will not be placed on report cards or high school transcripts. The school results do not affect Adequate Yearly Progress since it is a "measure of literacy" and not a high stakes assessment.

One of the goals of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* is to ensure that every student has the technology skills needed to succeed in school and in their future lives. By June 2010, all states are required to report to the U.S. Department of Education the number of students who have met this goal. We also recognize the importance of this measure to help us ensure all students have the technology skills they need, and that our schools have teachers and administrators that have the knowledge and skills to inform and deliver quality instruction.

If you should have further questions, please contact me or Ms. Nancy Deprey, Assistant School Administrator, to talk further about the student technology literacy measure.

Parents and students may view a sample of the measure at the following website—
<http://www.learning.com/tla/20itemsample/fall06/middle>.

Regards,



Joe L. Rubens
Principal