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To: Board of Education Members
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January has started off as busy as December ended. We are preparing for the Winter MAP Test event that will begin January 20. The test event is "by request only" and usually involves students who are going to be the subject of a meeting in the near future. Some teachers want to check on the efficacy of their strategic interventions.

Through stimulus money we were able to purchase FASTT Math for all of the classrooms and soon teachers will be able use the program throughout the day. Up to now we only had 60 licenses. Also, with stimulus money we are targeting two grades this year and three next year for literacy staff development with a nationally recognized expert, Gretchen Courtney. Her group will be working with the teachers individually.

Please note: We will be offering an opportunity for adults to have an opportunity to experience Reading Plus in February. I will be conducting a class in which the parents will be able to use the program as the students do. The meeting will be February 18 at 6:30-7:30. Join us if you would like. There will be a sign-up sheet so I will know how to prepare for the group.