



## **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DATA SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN NWEA and ECISD**

We are requesting approval from the Board of Trustees regarding a Data Sharing Agreement between NWEA and ECISD. The purpose of the data sharing agreement is for a linking study that will enable NWEA to access STAAR Spanish assessments in reading and math to generate RIT cut scores that align with state summative achievement levels.

The linking study for Texas's STAAR Spanish assessments in math and reading will yield RIT cut scores for the fall, winter, and Spring MAP Growth administrations that match the STAAR Spanish achievement levels.

Each student's state testing record will be matched with their MAP Growth score using the students' names, date of birth and other information needed to merge data NWEA norms through a statistical analysis method known as the equipercentile method. Once the data is merged, all identifiable student information will be removed from the study sample. FERPA rules will be followed.

ECISD is happy to have been selected to be part of this study that will provide Texas school districts with meaningful information that will support instruction and assessments.