



# The Le Roy Journey

WE BELIEVE OUR ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY AS A PK-12 SCHOOL DISTRICT IS TO PREPARE OUR STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS AFTER GRADUATION - TO BE PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS

Since the advent of the “No Child Left Behind” legislation, there has been a great deal of focus on the assessment scores of our students. In fact, many districts have been labeled according to those respective levels of achievement. As educators, we believe in assessment that helps to inform our instruction and the interventions necessary to assist students to maximize their academic growth. State assessments have consistently failed to provide the information in a timely manner to actually allow us to inform instruction. Although we will continue to administer the state mandated PARCC testing, we do not believe in the relevance of the data. We do, however, believe in our responsibility to provide parents answers to two critical questions: 1.) what is the academic readiness of my child at the start of the school year and where is my child at the end of the school year (student academic growth)? and 2.) how can we help our child at home to fill any gaps in their learning, as well as enrich their areas of academic strength?

We strongly believe that this should be the fundamental purpose of the standardized assessments administered to our students. We do not believe that the state mandated assessments will do that in a manner worthy of our students. As a result, the LeRoy School district has committed to the administration of the Measured Progress testing platform.

## WHAT

### eMPower

*Aligned assessment battery that exists outside of state and federal assessments  
Designed to measure growth in reading, writing, language, and math for Grades 3-8  
Provides a predictive link to the SAT Suite in Grades 9-11*

### SAT Suite

*PSAT 9 and 10 provides progress data in preparation for the SAT  
SAT is given in 11th grade and is provided as a college entrance exam*

## WHY

*We believe this series to be more responsive than current state and federal tests  
Informs classroom instruction  
Aligned to college and career readiness standards  
Reports longitudinal growth Grades 3-8 within and across grade levels  
Reports predictability to the SAT Grades 8-11*

## HOW

*Initial assessment - May 2017  
Fall, Winter, and Spring assessments 2017-18  
Given in a short amount of time with minimal invasion to instructional time  
Alignment to Khan Academy to help parents and students with academic support as well as preparation for the SAT*

