The Lexile Framework for Reading provides a common scale for measuring reading ability and text difficulty. Lexile® measures enable educators, parents and students to select targeted materials that improve reading skills and to monitor reading growth across the curriculum, in the library and at home. Lexiles are a powerful tool for linking assessment with instruction, by taking the guesswork out of reading level designation. When selecting reading materials, educators and parents can use Lexiles to:

- Match reading levels to instructional needs
- Select appropriate books and other materials
- Assess growth and set goals
- Link assessment with instruction

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Dear Educator:

The attached Lexile map shows a sampling of reading material matched to corresponding levels of reading ability. We hope you find this map useful as a valid resource to support students’ learning and to monitor their progress. Thousands of books and articles have been given Lexile measures. Matching student reading levels to the Lexile Framework enables educators, parents, and students to select targeted materials that can help improve reading skills and monitor reading performance.

Beginning with the 2006 Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) reports, which are provided to parents, students, and teachers, the Lexile Framework for Reading provides educators with valuable tools to develop differentiated instruction. The Lexile Framework makes possible the development of instructional plans that give students exactly the right level of challenge to help them progress to their next higher level.

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Sincerely,

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