



Dear Administrator:

You are likely receiving this letter from an educator in your school/district who is interested in introducing number sense screeners. The Universal Screeners for Number Sense (USNS) are free, open-source assessments. Since 2007, the USNS project has supported over 23,000 educators to assess foundational math skills. The skills, concepts, and developmental milestones assessed with these tools not only indicate which students need additional attention, they support teachers in knowing how to respond instructionally.

The USNS target the most essential skills necessary for success in mathematics. A recent study,¹ including more than 5,700 students, found that students who performed poorly on the 2nd grade fall USNS had only a 7.3% chance of performing at the proficient level on the end of 3rd grade state assessment. Meanwhile, those who performed well had an almost 80% chance of passing the state test two school years later.

The Universal Screeners for Number Sense:

- Help districts build teacher/student relationships. [Watch how.](#)²
- Are fully transparent, which contrasts sharply with adaptive digital assessments.
- Include detailed rubrics with explanations to ensure consistent scoring.
- Are teacher-developed and teacher-tested.
- Are both criterion and norm referenced with a Forefront® implementation.
- Are used in over 9,000 schools in the US and internationally.

The USNS Project is hosted by [Forefront Education](#)³. Forefront offers data collection and visualization software to support MTSS/RtI and PLC practices. Using Forefront, teachers can also access the instructional *USNS Next Steps* resources and generate personalized family letters for each student.

Forefront Education is running a special promotion for all new clients to leverage results from the USNS assessments. All new schools and school districts that sign up before 5/31/23 will get early access to their account and a promotional plan upgrade for 23-24. You can also request professional development to support a [USNS implementation](#) at a 50% discount to be included with your subscription. Contact Forefront Education at sales@forefront.education or (720) 818-4277 to request a conversation and demo.

Thank you for considering this request to help students across all tiers of instruction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Woodward".

David Woodward, Founder & President
Forefront Education

¹ Wilkins, J. L., Woodward, D., & Norton, A. (2020). Children's number sequences as predictors of later mathematical development. *Mathematics Education Research Journal*.

² Video link: <https://youtu.be/KXkUVZ5UnPk>

³ Watch a demo: <https://forefront.education/watch-demo/>