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CVUSD Information Letter Regarding Challenging Math 6

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 5 Students:

This letter contains information needed to understand the Math 6 Challenge process for students wishing to enroll in 7th Grade Accelerated Math as a 6th grader. This information can be found in CVUSD Board Policy 6155 and is observed by all middle schools in the Conejo Valley Unified School District.

CVUSD Honors Mathematics courses have been structured to meet the needs of students gifted in mathematics. These courses have enriched and expanded curricula that emphasize the application of higher-order thinking skills with concepts in a variety of contexts. Due to the time spent on enriched material and the time constraints of the middle school schedule, students need to enter 7th Grade Accelerated Math with a mastery of arithmetic skills as well as the personal attributes to succeed in these rigorous courses, such as:

- Taking responsibility for their own learning: asking questions when necessary
- Creatively combining concepts and skills in new inventive ways that go beyond the lesson
- Quickly acquiring new skills; requiring a limited number of repetitions for mastery
- Testing well; showing clear understanding of the concepts and execution of skills with precision
- Successfully working with problems that require application of knowledge in resourceful ways

Steps to Challenge Math 6 – Taking the CVUSD Exam:

Step 1 – Secure, complete, and submit a petition: Petitions are available at your designated middle school Counseling Office. No later than Friday, May 13, 2016, current 5th-grade students interested in challenging 6th-grade math are required to file the appropriate petition form with their middle school counselor. Any necessary attachments are explained on the petition form.

Step 2 – Register student for the challenge exam: Once the petition has been filed, you will be eligible to register for the test at your designated middle school. The examination will be given **at your designated 2016-2017 middle school on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 10 a.m.** The examination will take about two hours and will be administered and scored by the Math Department Chair of your designated middle school. Students must score 83% or better to be eligible to take 7th Grade Accelerated Math as 6th graders.

It is the District's hope that this letter has assisted you in understanding the Math 6 Challenge process. If your child does not meet the district-approved criteria for enrollment in 7th Grade Accelerated Math, please be assured that strong math students will have additional opportunities to participate in advanced math courses at their grade level, which will be challenging, rigorous, and enjoyable.