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Dear Students, Parents, & Guardians,

The new school year will bring a big change in our academics that will affect every student. Recently, our Board of Education adopted new written math curriculum and new math materials to help our students meet the more rigorous expectations of our new state standards and assessments. This year, all students in grades K-12 (with a few exceptions at the high school level and also for some students with special needs) will be utilizing these new materials in place of the Saxon Math that we have used for the last several years. We will also be piloting aligned pre-K math materials in our Title 1 preschool classroom. Grades pre-K-5 will utilize McGraw-Hill My Math, and grades 6-12 will be utilizing Glencoe Math. We are excited about this transition and feel that it will help our students become better math students and critical thinkers, and that it will help us to better utilize the great technology resources that we have at our disposal. Watch for more information from your child's school or math teacher regarding the new program.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Some of our high school students will experience a change in the math course they were expecting to take this year due to the transition to the new program. For example, with our old math program geometry was imbedded in other courses and was not a stand-alone course for all students, but will now be for most students. Many students who had Algebra I last year and expected to go to Algebra II this year will instead be taking Geometry before moving into Algebra II. After you pick up your high school schedule for this year, your guidance counselor will be able to answer any questions you may have about your math course for this year and going forward.

We are excited for the opportunity to improve our math curriculum, but we know that with any change comes challenges and that you may have questions regarding this new program. Please direct any questions you may have about the math program to your child's math teacher, and any questions regarding math courses for your child to the guidance department or the building principal.

Feel free to contact me with any issues that you may have as well. You can reach me at 636-479-5200 ext. 1 or by email at <a href="mailto:mgolden@dunklin.k12.mo.us">mgolden@dunklin.k12.mo.us</a>

Sincerely.

Dr. Mike Golden

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