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Dear Parents of 7th and 8th Grade Algebra 1 Students,

The purpose of this letter is to communicate an important change in policy that will affect your 7th and/or 8th grade student enrolled in Algebra 1. In order to advance equity and ensure that we are preparing our students to be successful in college, career and beyond, the following requirements have been added to Algebra I.

From the 2017-2018 Grade Promotion and Retention Policy, page 28.

“A semester examination provided by the district is to be given in all middle school Algebra I courses. Each student will receive a numerical grade on the examination. The semester average is obtained by using three grades: the numerical average for each of the two quarters and the numerical grade on the examination using the formula $40 \cdot 40 \cdot 20$.”

Parents are a vital part of the partnership that home, school, and community must have as we educate, engage and inspire our students, and we want to communicate decisions that would impact your child relayed to you in a timely manner as part of that partnership. If you have any questions regarding this new requirement, please feel free to reach out to your child’s school principal or guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

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