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Dear Families of 11th Grade Students,

I hope the start of second semester is going well. I'm writing because our staff at Minnetonka High School has been working all year with your child to help prepare for this spring's MCAII-GRAD Math Test and, as well, to provide you with updated remediation plans since the September letter.

Students will take this assessment on April 13 and 14, 2010. You will receive more details regarding testing logistics in late March.

This test is required to receive a diploma from any Minnesota High School. All math classes have been reviewing MCA topics throughout the year. In addition, there will be a 1-4 week review period in each class prior to the test depending on the needs of each course.

Last spring, the State of Minnesota modified the requirements for passing the MCA Math-GRAD Test. In accordance with current law, if a student does not pass the test in April 2010, in order to graduate students will need to complete the following:

1. complete with a passing grade all state and local coursework and credits required for graduation;
2. participate in the district-prescribed academic remediation in mathematics; and,
3. fully participate in at least two retests of the mathematics GRAD test.

Students will receive their results in early June 2010. The Minnetonka School District prescribed academic remediation plan for students not passing the test in April has two options:

1. Attend one of the summer school sessions—3 weeks, Monday-Thursday, 8:30am -11:30 am. There will be two sessions offered during the summer 2010.
 - a. Session 1: June 14-July 1
 - b. Session 2: July 12-July 29

OR

2. Students who do not attend the summer school sessions AND those who do not pass the August re-test will have the MCA Math Remediation course added to their schedule for the fall 2010 semester. This course will be in addition to a student's regular math course and, if there is not an open period, will replace a student's elective selection.

We are committed to working with your child during this school year to prepare for success on the state math test in April. This is a high-level Algebra-II, high stakes test. It is important that all 11th grade students do their very best to prepare for mathematics during this year to provide the very best opportunity for success. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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