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Dear Middle School Parents,

As you know, Mathematics Explorations is designed to broaden students' understanding of foundational algebraic and geometric ideas through exploratory and inquiry-based learning activities. These synergistic activities require students to work with their peers on a daily basis. Students receive real-time feedback from their classmates and teachers to complete these project-based tasks.

Due to the nature of Mathematics Explorations, it would not be possible to replicate the highly collaborative, project-based, authentic learning experiences with fidelity in the At-Home Learning environment. Therefore, Mathematics Explorations will run as a support and enrichment program during At-Home Learning.

**To that end, we have prepared this FAQ to address questions regarding Math Explorations and what the course will look like virtually.**

- **Why have we made the change?**

*We have made this change because it would be impossible to replicate the course with fidelity in the home setting. Additionally, we have elected to provide a more individualized instructional approach for students and provide them with support and enrichment related to the material they are learning in their math class.*

- **When should my child report to Math Expo?**

*Students will follow their normal schedule for Math Expo. For example, if Dr. Holloway has Math Expo, period 5, Days 4-6, he would report to Math Expo via Google Classroom on those days during period 5.*

- **When will the change take effect?**

***The change will take effect on Tuesday, March 31st which is a Day 4.*** *Prior to March 31st, students will be asked to complete a math self-assessment survey via a Google Classroom announcement. The math self-assessment survey will assist teachers in tailoring support for all students.*

- **How do students get a grade for Math Expo?**

*Although students will not be assigned a letter grade, students will receive grades that indicate "complete" or "incomplete". The notification of "complete" or "incomplete" will be recorded in the teacher's gradebook and can be viewed via PowerSchool. **Marking period 3 grades, earned prior to At-Home Learning, will remain in the grade book.***