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Dear Parents and Guardians of Middle School Students:

I am writing to let you know about changes in our math program this school year. These changes have been made in order to connect our math curriculum with high school requirements, create smaller learning groups, and uphold our commitment to support each child with a great math program. We are committed to providing rigorous, leveled math courses to support student success.

We have restructured Middle School math into two courses for each grade: Core Math and Honors Math. Core Math serves students who were in Level I and Level II math. The end goal for Core Math is to meet Minnesota grade-level requirements and Singapore Math grade-level key elements. Honors Math serves students who were in Level III and Level IV. The end goal for Honors Math students is to gain entry into 9th grade advanced algebra, algebra 2, or pre-calculus.

New this year, instead of combining all sections of a grade and then separating students into three or four math levels, we are assigning students in each homeroom section either to Core Math or to Honors Math. There will be fewer students in each math course which means that teachers will be able to offer more attention to each student.

We would like parents to understand that this new structure has been created in order to meet high school expectations and to provide more opportunities for our students to demonstrate their math strengths. We have high expectations for student learning and will continue to provide opportunities for student success. We will continue to evaluate our program and monitor our students' learning.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at luyi.lien@yinghuaacademy.org

Sincerely,



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