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To Seventh Grade Parents/Guardians:

During two days in May 2012, all seventh grade students will be completing the Orleans-Hanna Algebra Prognosis test and the Region 15 Seventh Grade Diagnostic Computation assessment. Performance on these assessments will aid in determining eighth grade math placement. The Orleans-Hanna test is used nationally, and given the level of sophisticated and abstract thinking needed for Algebra, performance on this assessment is an effective predictor of a student's potential for success in Algebra. The scores from the Diagnostic Computation assessment help to determine a student's mathematical speed and accuracy, which is also an important indicator of success in Algebra.

The two eighth grade math courses offered at Rochambeau and Memorial are Connected Math and Algebra. A majority of our students take Connected Math. High performing math students will be recommended for Algebra, a high school level course, based upon the criteria detailed below:

- The Orleans-Hanna Algebra Prognosis Test - minimum 80th percentile
- The Diagnostic Computation Exam - without calculators, minimum 70th percentile
- Sixth grade CMT score – at the Advanced Level
- Final grade in seventh grade Connected Math – A- or higher
- Teacher recommendation

The criteria are purposely set high as a result of yearly discussions with the Algebra II teachers at Pomperaug High School. Both Rochambeau and Memorial Middle Schools use the same criteria for math placement. I encourage you to discuss the placement criteria with your child before placement testing begins. Since one determinant is the final grade average, final decisions about next year's math placement will not be made until the end of the school year. You will receive your child's math placement letter with this year's final report card, which will be sent home with students on the last day of school.

Please do not hesitate contacting me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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