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Dear Parents and Guardians,

During the upcoming school year, Frederick County Public Schools will provide instruction on approximately half of the grade 6 mathematics standards to selected students in grade 5. The identification decision will be informed by multiple pieces of evidence and will be based on an identified need for the student to access later-grade content at an earlier age. Grade 5 students who have been identified may access a pathway in middle school which could include taking geometry in Grade 8. Please note that yearly middle school math placement decisions are made based upon student need as students transition to the next grade level, so placement in geometry in Grade 8 is not automatic.

In determining placement in this pathway, elementary school staff will confer on multiple aspects of student achievement and each students' learner behaviors. Although data will be reviewed before the end of the school year, final decisions about participation will be made prior to the end of the school year.

As parents often plan for their child's long-term success, all children, regardless of inclusion in Option 3 below, will have the opportunity to access the highest level of secondary math within FCPS. Below is a table outlining potential math pathways.

	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Freshman Options
Option 1	Grade 5 Standards	Grade 6 Math	Grade 7 Math or Grade 7 Honors	Grade 8 Math or Grade 8 Honors	Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 and Geometry
Option 2	Grade 5 Standards	Grade 6 Math Honors (HAL)	Grade 7 Honors or Grade 7 Accelerated	Grade 8 Honors or Grade 8 Accelerated - Algebra	Algebra 1 and Geometry or Geometry and Algebra 2
Option 3	Grade 5 Standards & Identified Grade 6 Standards	Grade 7 Math Honors	Grade 8 Math Honors	Semester 1: Algebra 1 Semester 2: Geometry or Grade 8 Accelerated - Algebra	Algebra 2 or Geometry and Algebra 2

Thank you for your support of your child. Should you have questions, please call the school office to speak with an administrator.

Sincerely,

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