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Dear Parent/Guardian of child enrolled in Pre-Algebra B:

Students enrolled in Pre-Algebra B can move up to Pre-Algebra A based on his/her performance on Linkit A, which will be given within the first ten school days, and on the quizzes and tests given in chapter one. The student must meet one of the following criteria:

- A. Score at least 83% on Linkit A and 95% on all chapter one assessments or
- B. Score at least 80% on Linkit A and 97% on all chapter one assessments or

C. Score at least 80% on Linkit A **and** 95% on all chapter one assessments **and** 820 or higher on 2018 Grade 5 PARCC Math

Students who finish the year in Pre-Algebra B can move up to Algebra I in 7th grade by earning a minimum score of 80% on the placement test given in June. To qualify for this assessment, students must earn a minimum average score of 93% on two placement assessments given near the end of the score year **and** have a minimum final average grade of 93%.

Due to changes in testing and placement, we are informing you that students in this course whose final average is less than 80% will take Math 7 rather than Introduction to Algebra in 7th grade. Waiting an additional year to enter Algebra will provide your child with the opportunity to reinforce concepts learned this year and to learn at an appropriate pace.

Students in Pre-Algebra B are on a pace to take Algebra I in 8th grade. Students enrolled in this level will take the Algebra I NJSLA assessment in lieu of the 8th Grade NJSLA assessment. Passing the Algebra I NJSLA assessment is a state high school graduation requirement for math.

Our goal is for your child to reach his/her potential in math by being placed in the most appropriate course for 7th grade. I hope your child has a successful year!

Sincerely,

Gregory Schmidt Supervisor of Mathematics <u>gschmidt@mersnj.us</u>