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Dear Middle School Parents,

Implementation of the Common Core Standards in the Huntington Beach City School District has begun. The District has been working through the transition process to better align our programs and practices to the Common Core Standards, and, as is always the case in a period of transition, we consider this a work in progress which changes with potential issues and concerns.

A concern that has been raised and discussed is course options for students who are caught in the middle of our transition to the Common Core Standards in middle school mathematics. One such group whose potential courses are not as well defined as others are 6th grade students who are currently enrolled in pre-algebra or 6th grade accelerated math. District staff has been working on this challenge over the past couple of months to develop a course of study that will ensure that our students have every opportunity for success, making sure courses will align with the Common Core Standards, and provide the most challenging curriculum for students who qualify for acceleration during their middle school experience.

To best meet this challenge HBCSD will now be offering those 6th grade students currently enrolled in pre-algebra and 6th grade accelerated math, and who qualify through placement criteria, the ability to take Math 8 Accelerated (which includes all required Algebra I standards) as 7th grade students during the 2014/15 school year. 7th grade students enrolled in Math 8 Accelerated must maintain appropriate grades throughout the year to remain enrolled in this course. Following successful completion of the Math 8 Accelerated, HBCSD will be offering a Geometry course for their 8th grade year during the 2015/16 school year. Over the course of the 2014/15 school year the District will be working to develop the Geometry culminating course which may require some zero period attendance and/or student work through an on-line component. As the course is being developed, information will be given to potential students and their parents.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please feel free to contact your school principal or you may go to the District's Common Core webpage entitled *CCSS Parent Guide: Middle School Math* to see details regarding the new Common Core Math Standards. You can find this document at <https://huntington-ca.schoolloop.com/CCSS>.

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The Huntington Beach City School District remains committed to providing a high-quality educational program for the children of our community so that they are well-prepared for success at every level – high school, college, and career. Please feel free to contact my office at (714) 964-8888 if you have questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregg Haulk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gregg Haulk
Superintendent
Huntington Beach City School District