Beecher Road School

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Fwd: [External Email] BRS Advanced Math Program

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Marsha -
Please add this to Boardbook as Public Comment received by Board members.
Many thanks, Lynn

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CC: Kate Cook Griffiths <katejcook@hotmail.com>

Dear Woodbridge BOE,

I am a parent of a 5th grader in BRS and 8th grader in Amity Middle School, and I am writing in strong support of advanced math offerings at BRS. Both my children have excelled in math, and we have noticed they become no longer challenged in the 5th grade curriculum. They ace every quiz and tell us they are bored. Looking back, my 8th grader basically had a "lost year" with regards to his math potential in 5th grade, and now we are seeing it happen again with our 5th grader. We strongly feel they need to be challenged more with accelerated content. 6th grade content should be taught in the 2nd half of 5th grade as appropriate, and then those 5th graders who meet standards would do well in pre-algebra in 6th grade and beyond.

It is disappointing to hear the nascent 6th grade advanced math program no longer has the support of the BRS principal and superintendent.

From what I have heard, Orange elementary schools have offered an advanced math program for some time now, and children going through that program into middle school appear to mostly find success in 7th grade algebra and beyond. It seems obvious to me that we should learn from what our neighbors have done and implement a similar program at BRS.

This offering is also the type of program that makes a school like BRS stand out. I urge the Woodbridge BOE to investigate this matter and push to reinstate the advanced math program at BRS.

Thank you,

Daniel Griffiths
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