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[External Email] Advanced math support

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Dear Board of Education,

I am writing today to express my support for the advanced math program at Beecher Road School. I am the parent of a third grade student.

Mathematically advanced students need the opportunity to face challenges in math. The factors that ultimately drive success in mathematics- learning to take an organized, stepwise approach to problems, persisting in the face of difficulties, and knowing how to "show your work"- are often underdeveloped in students who excel in grade-level math. When they encounter tough topics in middle or high school, they lack the problem solving toolset their peers developed. Many advanced students lose their love for math at this point. I believe it's important for advanced students to face challenges in the supportive environment of Beecher Road School before moving on to middle school.

I also support the proposed change in the advanced math program, with 5th grade students combining 5th and 6th grade math into one year. Single-subject acceleration is highly recommended for advanced students, and curriculum compacting is preferred to grade skipping because every standard is taught.

Thank you for considering this issue, and I look forward to hearing the Board's decision.

- Emily Vinocur