



**[External Email] In Support of Advanced Math offerings for 5th/6th grade at BRS**

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I appreciate the opportunity to communicate with our Woodbridge Board of Education. My name is Hillary Drumm, I am parent to a BRS graduate, a BRS 5th grader and a BRS 2nd grader. I am writing in support of expanding the current 6th grade Pre Algebra program into a comprehensive Advanced Math program that includes 5th & 6th grades at Beecher Road School closer to what our neighboring district offers.

I am writing to support resuming this program and expanding it to be more comprehensive to include both 5th and 6th grades. Differentiated math instruction in the upper grades of BRS, will help to meet students where they are and take them where they are able, not just at benchmark. It could help to challenge our students and help Beecher live up to its wonderful reputation as a well-rounded elementary school that prepares our students of all levels for continued achievement.

Having a comprehensive Advanced Math program that teaches content at an accelerated pace and includes 5th & 6th grade curriculum during 5th grade for those who can master it quicker and prepare them for Pre-Algebra in 6th grade. This expansion will allow our students to advance without skipping important content or depending on outside instruction/tutoring. This expanded structure would be more equitable in our community, and not biased for those who have had access to afford outside instruction or those who have time and expertise to teach their children math content that the children have not yet been exposed to in the current curriculum.

I ask the WBOE to please consider reviewing the current Advanced Math program and protocols in our neighboring Orange Elementary district to determine if they could be adapted and adapted to our community. I believe we can learn from the structure and success that the Orange program has demonstrated over the years and combine it with our own successes with our Pre Algebra program. We have the opportunity to come together with our neighboring districts to provide a successful comprehensive and academically competitive program. This has already started with Orange and Beecher has followed. Bringing in our larger community of neighboring districts (Orange and Amity) into the curriculum discussion would help to ensure we are teaching consistent and appropriate material that will continue to support them throughout their academic journeys at BRS, AMSB and Amity High.

Please consider making the BRS Pre Algebra program more comprehensive and equitable so that we can strengthen our Advanced Math at BRS, providing our students with opportunity for success and continued math challenges as they advance through middle school and high school.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Respectfully,  
Hillary Drumm  
BRS Parent