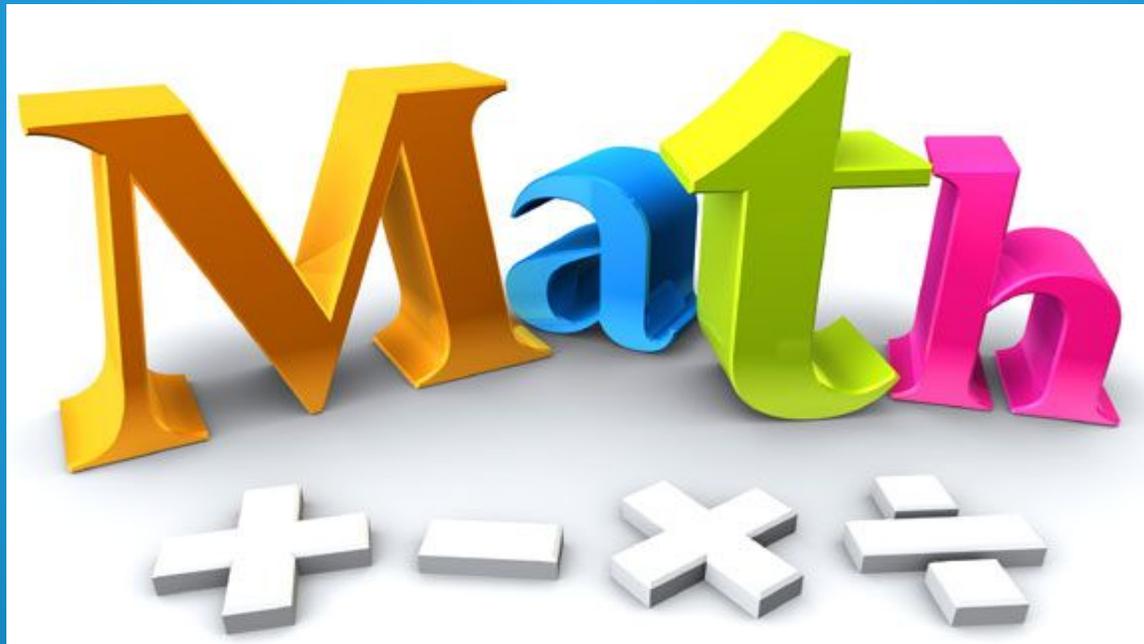


Math Curriculum Adoption

Grades 6-8

Board of Education Meeting

June 19, 2019



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Process:

- **County math review team facilitated an evaluation of our curriculum**
 - Began 18 months ago with input from teachers, parents, and administrators
 - Came up with questions to guide the review process
 - All math teachers grades K-8 were involved in the review of materials in February 2019
 - ½ day workshops with grade level groupings -- K-2, 3-5, 6-8 in February
- **Meeting held to review the results of the evaluation on April 25th**
 - Teacher representative from each grade level K-5, middle school teachers
 - Findings from the math review team:
 - **To what degree does the curriculum address and focus on grade level standards?**
 - The K-8 curriculum addresses the grade level standards but it is not clear whether the focus is appropriate.
 - A handful of standards and topics that were out of grade level
 - Absence of guidance around lesson timing and unaccounted for instructional days could result in the wrong topics/standards being emphasized and affecting the overall focus

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- **To what degree does the curriculum meet the content expectations of the framework and prepare students for the next grade level?**
 - The K-8 curriculum partially meets the content expectations of the framework, preparing students for the next grade level.
 - Lack of program organization can prevent teachers for accessing and using high quality resources.
- **To what degree does the curriculum implement the standards of the mathematical practices?**
 - The K-8 curriculum provides opportunities for SMP engagement.
- **To what degree is the curriculum organized in a user-friendly way?**
 - The K-8 curriculum is not organized in a user-friendly way.
 - No common format or lesson structure
 - Difficult to identify and/or find lessons or distinguish between teaching resources and student materials
 - No learning objectives or identified standards for lessons
 - No written explanations or suggestions for instruction

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- **Recommendations from the County math review team:**
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- The team convened on May 28th at the County's Instructional Resource Center
 - I created a list of publishers based on what surrounding schools are using, my experience, and recommendations from a trusted math consultant:
 - **Middle School Review:**
 - Open Up Resources
 - Connected Math 3 (already in use at R. Roger Rowe Middle)
 - Ready
 - Everyday Mathematics -- Grade 6/Glencoe Math
 - Team members:
 - Christine Teofilo -- Grade 6
 - Terri Corduan -- Grade 7
 - Lori Edwards -- Grade 8

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- **County math expert facilitated our review of the programs against the following criteria:**
 - What is our vision of teaching and learning mathematics for Rancho Santa Fe?
 - How well do the instructional materials provide opportunities for students to engage in the Standards for Mathematical Practice?
 - To what extent do the instructional materials provide high-quality tasks in alignment with the California Mathematics Framework?
 - How well do the instructional materials support the major principles of focus, coherence, and rigor?
 - How well do the instructional materials provide access and extension for each and every student?
 - What works in terms of how the curriculum is organized or structured? What helps you access, understand, plan, and the use the curriculum materials?

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6-8 Curriculum Decision - Open Up Resources, by Illustrative Mathematics

- **Lessons foster critical thinking skills rather than rote learning.**
- **Program is aligned to all state common core standards including SMPs.**
- **Lessons are creative and will keep the students engaged.**
- **Program encourages class discussion and questioning techniques.**
- **Open Up is a good segue to the type of program they will be encountering in high school.**
- **Digital component - presentations and resources for teachers, resources for students and parents**