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RE: Grade 6 Enriched ELA & Math classes at PV

Dear Grade 5 Parents and Guardians,

As students enter Grade 6 in the 26-27 school year, they will experience many exciting changes—new teachers, new schedules, and new expectations. Students come to PV middle school from three different elementary schools, and Grade 6 provides valuable time for teachers to observe student growth, strengths, and readiness in a consistent setting. This shared experience allows teachers to focus on helping students build confidence, understand how grading works, and adjust to middle school learning routines, while ensuring every student has access to high-quality instruction and consistent expectations.

Grade 6 is the first time students move from standards-based grading to traditional grades using points and percentages. To support students during this important transition, beginning in the 26-27 school year, all Grade 6 students will participate in the same level ELA and math courses rather than having separate “Enriched” courses. Beginning advanced courses in Grade 7 will allow the district to make thoughtful, well-informed placement decisions based on a full year of common learning experiences and assessments.

At the same time, we remain fully committed to academic rigor. Students will be challenged through enrichment and differentiated instruction in all Grade 6 courses. This approach will help ensure that all students have a fair chance to enter advanced pathways once they have demonstrated readiness through the same learning experience and optional differentiated assignments, which will be discussed further at the beginning of next year.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership as we work to provide the best possible experience for Pequannock students.

Regards,

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