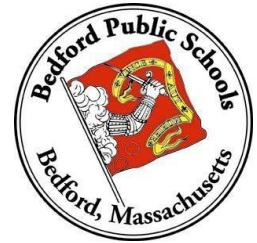


BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



To: School Committee
From: Cliff Chuang, Superintendent
Date: May 10, 2024
Subject: Expanding access to advance coursework for 8th Grade math students

At your May 14 meeting, JGMS math teachers Vanessa Mangini, Lindsey Goodhue, and Sara Berinato, along with Math 6-12 Program Administrator Patrick Morissey and JGMS Principal Jon Hartunian, will present on plans for a shift in our approach to delivering mathematics to 8th graders beginning in the fall. This shift is being proposed after extensive conversations within the math department through the math curriculum review process that began in 2022-2023, analysis of achievement and access data, and community survey data. This change is designed to:

- Expand access for more students to higher levels of Algebra I.
- Provide students a stronger foundation in Algebra for transition to BHS.

The full details of this shift are outlined in [Algebra I Proposal 2024-2025 \(5/10/24 Meeting\) - Google Slides](#). The educator team is excited to share this information with you and answer your questions.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions.