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Dear Sweetwater Union High School District Parent or Guardian:

Earlier this week, the Board of Trustees adopted a new and exciting curriculum change in the area of mathematics that will positively affect all students in the district. This policy will change the way that mathematics are taught by introducing an Integrated Math course pathway.

Traditionally, students have been placed in courses that covered one specific area of mathematics such as algebra, geometry, etc. The new math course pathway in the Sweetwater District aligns with the integrated math pathway option in the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the newly approved California Department of Education Math Framework.

The new courses will take key concepts that students learn in math and organize them into coherent and rigorous courses that better prepare students for college and careers post-graduation. These courses will offer students a greater opportunity for innovation and the ability to apply their learning to real-world problems. The Integrated Math courses will begin in the Fall of 2014.

To prepare for these changes, the Sweetwater District has done an extensive amount of work over the past several months with teachers, parents, students, alumni, our feeder elementary districts and partners from Southwestern College, San Diego State University (SDSU) and the University of California San Diego (UCSD).

In addition, the Sweetwater District will offer continuous professional development for teachers and counselors to make the transition a seamless one. Beginning in the Spring Semester of 2014, students will also begin preparation for the instructional shift that they will see in the Fall.

We appreciate your continued support of the Sweetwater Union High School District and look forward to your continued partnership in student success.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Brand, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

*A proud member of the Sweetwater Union High School District*

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*The Sweetwater Union High School District will fulfill the promise of 100% student success.*

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SUHSD Board Policy 0410.