



# Wachusett Regional School District

Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling

January 13, 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian of 7<sup>th</sup> grade student:

As we begin to plan our courses for next year, the WRSD wanted to share some important information with you pertaining to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra. The District has developed a consistent requirement for all students who might qualify for taking Algebra as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader in order to provide an equal opportunity for all students across the five towns. This information is especially important for current 7<sup>th</sup> grade students as they will soon be taking midterms in mathematics.

Of the following measures, **three out of four** must be met in order for a current grade 7 student to be placed into Algebra during grade 8:

1. A score of 50 or above for the IOWA Algebra Readiness Test. This year the test will be administered at all schools during a two week window - April 2 through April 13
2. Midterm grade of 85 or above
3. Final Exam grade of 85 or above
4. An average grade of 90 or above for the first three quarters

Your child's math teacher will share this information with each class but it is also important for you to review these criteria with your child at home. Please feel free to contact your building principal or your child's math teacher if you have any questions.

We look forward to working with your child this coming school year.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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