Parents/Guardians,

Texas students that are currently enrolled in TWO very specific courses, 6th grade Advanced Math or 7th grade Level math, and are interested in taking high school Algebra I next school year, are potentially impacted by this email.  Students in these courses must earn credit for 8th grade math (Pre-Algebra) first, by state law, before any Texas student can take high school Algebra I.   Students can earn that credit by achieving an 80 or above on the 8th Grade Math Credit by Exam (CBE) or by successfully completing 8th Grade Pre-Algebra in the optional April-July Accelerated Math Initial Credit Course with an 80 average or above. The optimal way to achieve Texas requirements for successfully completing 8th Grade Pre-Algebra is to take the course during the regular school year.

Details about the credit by exam are below. Information about spring/summer school will be available on the CISD website in the coming months. These details, dates, time allotments, and cut scores are all subject to change.

**Credit by Exam Information:**

* The window on CISD campuses for these tests to occur is February 21-February 24.
* The CBE will tentatively be administered on February 23, 2023. for **current** McCullough 7th grade Level math students who properly completed the application process on time.
* Students historically have had three hours to complete the exam.
* Students will be supplied a graphing calculator, pencil, scratch paper, and a formula chart.
* The CBE expects students to be able to use a graphing calculator. Test administrators will not be able to assist with questions about how to use a calculator.
* The exam historically has contained around 65 multiple-choice questions.
* Scores are sent to each campus by The University of Texas. Campuses, including us, are not in control of when these scores arrive. Typically, they arrive at the end of March.
* This is a difficult state exam of which it is important to remember your child has not received classroom instruction on the subject. Passing this exam with the required state cut score is a very difficult endeavor of which only around 15 percent of students are successful.
* Students should not take this exam just to see if they can pass. If a student passes this exam, they cannot take 8th grade math the next year. They will be placed in Algebra.
* You can find information regarding the objectives and sample questions in the study guide that is included below. TEKS being assessed are also referenced in the study guide.
* Link to the 8th Grade Math Credit by Exam for Acceleration study guide: [https://utexas.app.box.com/v/uths-eighth-math](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/fvElJzrQvzkR0EMWm8wrVA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRf9k9vP0QtaHR0cHM6Ly91dGV4YXMuYXBwLmJveC5jb20vdi91dGhzLWVpZ2h0aC1tYXRoVwdzY2hvb2xtQgoAAO8bFV6pc-yaUhxhbmRyZWEuYnlrb3dza2lAeWFob28uY29tLmJyWAQAAAAB)

**Application Process**

The application for the credit by exam may be accessed using the link below. **Applications are due to the appropriate home campus counseling center or student success managers by January 27, 2023.** The state will not accept late applications.

Link to application: [APPLICATION](C://Users/hjhill/Desktop/CBE%20Permission%20Form.pdf)

**Who to Contact**

* Parents/Guardians of students currently at McCullough may contact Heidi Hill with any current seventh grade credit by exam specific questions at [hjhill@conroeisd.net](mailto:hjhill@conroeisd.net).
* Parents/Guardians of students currently at a McCullough sixth grade feeder campus- Credit by exam questions for current sixth grade students should be addressed by the home campus sixth grade counselor.