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Superintendent Rick Schmitt's Monthly Update

Superintendent Schmitt plans to update the greater San Dieguito Union High School District community through our local media with a monthly update. Topics covered will include curriculum, facilities, budget, safety, and other specific and special interest topics. Today's update focuses on our gradual and multi-year transition to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

The San Dieguito Union High School District (SDUHSD) is in the midst of making the transition to the new Common Core State Standards for English-Language Arts & Mathematics. As part of this transition, we've faced several key decisions relating to curricular approaches to mathematics and math course sequences. Earlier in the fall, SDUHSD made the decision to adopt an integrated curricular approach to mathematics rather than the traditional Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Geometry, & Algebra II approach. After reaching this decision, our next task was to develop the course offerings and sequences available to our students as we transition to new math courses over the coming three years. With this work now complete, we've begun the process of reviewing instructional materials for adoption in support of our new math courses. In developing our course offerings and sequences we've ensured that we continue to offer a range of courses including college preparatory, honors, and intervention courses for students who are below grade-level in math. We've also ensured that students and families will continue to have access to acceleration options and honors courses at each grade level along with a variety of Advanced Placement courses at the high school level. We are excited to begin implementation of these new courses at grades 7-9 in the 2014-15 school year.

For more information about SDUHSD's new math course sequences and our transition plan for current SDUHSD students, please see the District's newly developed Common Core informational website at www.sduhsd.net. This site contains a variety of information and resources for parents about the Common Core State Standards and SDUHSD's transition to the Common Core.

Besides the website resources, we have scheduled a series of Common Core Information sessions for current SDUHSD parents.

- January 29 - San Dieguito Academy, *Media Center*
- January 30 - Canyon Crest Academy, *Band Room*
- February 3 - Oak Crest Middle School, *Media Center*
- February 4 - Earl Warren Middle School, *Warren Hall*
- February 5 - Carmel Valley Middle School, *Performing Arts Center*
- February 11 - Diegueño Middle School, *Media Center*
- February 25 – Spanish Language CCSS Info Session – *San Dieguito Academy Library*

Meetings at Torrey Pines High School and La Costa Canyon High School have already taken place. Parents may attend any meeting.

Beginning in February and March, SDUHSD representatives will also visit the various elementary schools that send students to our district to discuss the CCSS and the transition to our schools. Dates, times, and locations for these sessions will be announced in the coming weeks.

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