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Dear Bellevue School District Families,

We are excited the Bellevue School District (BSD) has formally adopted Discovery Education's "Math Techbook" as the primary instructional resource for Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra II (AGA). We would like to thank the students, teachers and family members who provided us with valuable feedback throughout the curriculum adoption process. The pilot feedback was used to work with the Discovery Education Math Techbook team to develop an implementation plan.

The following are the key elements of the plan:

1. Student and Family Engagement:
 - a. Student resources will be included in each student's electronic OneNote.
 - b. We will be offering several technology/curriculum sessions in early fall. This will provide students and families with information regarding access to grades and instructional resources.
2. Curriculum alignment: On April 2 and 5, 2018 Betty Nhan and Mary Takle, curriculum developers, met with teacher representatives from every choice, middle and high school to refine the scope, sequence and learning targets for sixth grade through Pre-calculus to ensure students are well prepared for college math courses.
3. Professional Development:
 - a. All Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II teachers will receive four days of training led by Discovery Education with support from the BSD Curriculum and Instruction Department. Two of the days will occur this summer and two of the days will occur during the 2018-19 school year.
 - b. School-based Instructional Technology Curriculum Leaders (ITCLs) have already received one of their two days of training focused on supporting math teachers with the successful implementation of the Discovery Math Techbook and research-based instructional strategies.
 - c. School administrators will receive training in August and October focused on the implementation of Discovery Math Techbook and building a culture of critical thinking and support.
4. Teacher Support and Collaboration:
 - a. Each course will have a lead teacher who will facilitate a weekly virtual meeting to foster ongoing collaboration across schools.
 - b. Each school will have job-embedded instructional guidance from Discovery Education math instructional coaches throughout the year.

The Discovery Education Math Techbook includes numerous resources that meet the different learning styles and needs of our students and includes as a strong focus on the tenets of effective math instruction. We look forward to a successful implementation of the Discovery Math Techbook curriculum materials in our AGA classes during the 2018-19 school year. We hope you will join us next fall for our information sessions as we launch these new materials.

Sincerely,

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