

Out of Level Math Committee Meeting - November 9, 2006

Mary Zarr (Dir. Of Curriculum) led the Out of Level Math Committee with almost 50 attendees (spread across 2 meetings), including parents, teachers, administrators and Board members. Attendees discussed the focus of the committee, and found remarkable agreement about the main issues facing out of level math instruction: the need for teacher support, the need for better assessments across all grades (K-8), the need to meet the educational needs of advanced math kids, and the need for a district-wide, aligned program that is implemented in all schools and across all grades. The committee is hoping to develop a program to address these issues, present it to the Board, and implement the program by next Fall ('07). This year, the district will be implementing the MAP assessment program in all schools and has required all schools to provide out of level math instruction for 6th grade, using three levels of math texts: MC1 for regular math, MC2 for out of level math, and MC3 for gifted math. The attendees were given a packet of information to read up on math curriculum issues. Dept of Instruction will gather more information for the committee about what other districts in Illinois and nationwide are doing for out-of-level math instruction, as well as begin to collect sample matrices that these districts use for math placement. The next meeting is Dec 7th. Parents and other stakeholders are still welcome to join the committee at the next meeting. Just RSVP to Pam Seick (847-963-3106) or seickp@ccsd15.net.