Hello ,

We want to let you know about an important new approach we are taking at the school to support your student’s mathematics learning. It is called the Mathematics Whole School Agreement. Everyone in the building is working hard to match our instructional approaches across the different courses and we are starting by improving the mathematics vocabulary we use during instruction. We are no longer using some of the mathematical language that we, and possibly you, used when we were in school. For example, were you taught to plug numbers into an expression, equation, or inequality? That’s actually not what is happening—a num- ber is being substituted. We are working to change these often misunderstood terms in favor of more accurate mathematical language that your student needs to use now and in future courses. Expect that you may see these words in your student’s assignments. Please help by using this new or revised language (list of words for our courses attached). Thank you for joining us in making this shift to precise and accurate mathematical language to support your learner as we prepare them for their bright futures!

Thank you for your help,

Your student’s teachers and principal and members of the school community

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