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Dear Next Year's 8th Grade Algebra Parent(s):

We are pleased to let you know that your child has been placed in algebra for next year. However, math curriculum changes and changes in the Alaska State Standards may have created some gaps in math concepts among students. Skyview Middle School administrators would like to offer our students an opportunity to close those gaps during the summer.

Attached is a list of lessons from the web-based math program IXL that reviews the material taught in the 8th grade math book. Completing these lessons to an 80 percent level will help close any gaps in learning your child may experience. Your child might be familiar with the program from use during the 7th grade. If your child has already completed a lesson, he or she can raise the percent to 100 or move on to the next lesson. You will find the login directions for IXL on the back side of this letter.

Your child's progress will be monitored over the summer, but completion is voluntary. Please check with the school office to make sure your email information is current in PowerSchool. This way we can communicate with you over the summer.

The advantage of being in algebra is that your child has the option of receiving high school credit, and then can follow this high school track: 9th grade – geometry; 10th grade – advanced algebra (Algebra II); 11th grade – pre-calculus/trigonometry; and 12th grade – calculus. Otherwise algebra would be started in 9th grade with pre-calculus the most advanced class that could be achieved in high school.

It is Skyview Middle School's belief that your child is capable of doing the work and will be challenged in this class. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Truesdell, Ms. DuFloth, or myself at 260-2500.

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