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Dear Families:

We would like to share an instructional update that will take effect beginning Monday, February 2nd, as part of our continued focus on strengthening math instruction for students in grades 4–8.

Starting next week:

- All 4th grade students will be combined into one classroom, with Mrs. Armenta serving as their classroom teacher. This change allows for greater consistency, collaboration, and instructional support.

- Mr. Barajas will transition to teaching middle school math full time, with a primary focus on 6th grade math.

- During elementary Project-Based Learning (PBL) time, Mr. Barajas will continue to work with 4th and 5th grade students in small groups to provide targeted math support and tutoring.

- Mrs. Armenta will be assuming the entire 4th grade class and will be supported most of the day by Mrs. Chelsea Wernett.

These adjustments allow us to address math needs at the middle school level while also strengthening foundational math skills in 4th and 5th grade. Our goal is to ensure students receive the instruction and support they need to be successful as they progress through each grade level.

We appreciate your flexibility and continued support as we make decisions that best serve our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Jeremi Brewer, PhD
Superintendent

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