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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In spring 2011, Washington State Superintendent of Schools, Randy Dorn proposed legislation on math and science that was signed into law, changing the math and science assessment graduation requirements. Students must now meet the state testing requirement in math by taking an End-Of-Course (EOC) exam if they are enrolled in CMP 8, Cognitive Tutor, Algebra 1, or Geometry. The EOCs assess the state math standards and are a good indicator of student proficiency on these standards. The law has the following impact for students:

- **Students in the class of 2012** are not affected by this legislation. These students can meet the math requirement by passing one state math exam or by earning two credits of math after 10th grade.
- **Students in the classes of 2013 and 2014** are required to pass only one math EOC exam and are no longer required to pass a science exam. These students shall only take one math exam each testing administration. Their first math retake opportunity will be in winter 2012.
- **Beginning with the class of 2015**, this year's 9th, 8th, and 7th grade students, are required to pass two math EOCs and a biology EOC. These students can take two math EOC exams (algebra 1 and geometry) per testing administration and will first take the biology EOC in spring 2012 if in the class. If students pass an EOC in junior high school, their scores will be banked until needed for graduation in high school.

Last spring, Lake Washington School District, along with all other districts in the State, administered the first EOC exams as mandated by the state. If your child did not pass the exam, you should not worry. There are opportunities to retake the exams in the winter and spring of each school year. The first re-take opportunity opens for students who did not pass last spring's EOC this January 2012.

The winter EOC testing window opens on January 2, 2012 and runs through February 10, 2012. Students who did not pass the spring, 2011 administration of the EOC will have an opportunity to retake the test at this time. **The exact date of test administration for Redmond Junior High will be Thursday, January 12th starting at 8:00AM.** All students who did not pass in the spring do not have to take the re-take opportunity this January. Sometimes, it is in the best interest of the student to wait until the spring test administration window to re-take the test so there is a longer period of time for students to more deeply learn the skills and concepts related to the state standards. **Please contact the RJH Counseling office if you would like your child to test in January (425-936-2440 ext 3).**

Our partnership with families is important to us. Please let us know if we can help answer any questions with regard to the EOC test administration.

Sincerely,

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*Through school-wide collective commitments in a rigorous learning environment,
Redmond Junior High students are prepared for the challenges and rewards of high school,
future educational opportunities, the global workplace, and personal life.*