

Advance Notice
March 12, 2008

IMC Recommended Material Adoption – Brogan / Miller

**Action to be taken: I move the board approve
replacement of the current middle
school mathematics materials with
the following basic materials:
Connected Math Project (CMP).**

Teaching and Learning Services is presenting the IMC's recommendation. These materials were approved at the IMC's February 27, 2008 meeting.

The current middle school math adoption, Math in Context (MiC) was selected by our teachers because of its exceptional math content and applications to real life. Unfortunately, the vendor failed to perform in accordance with the purchase agreement.

The vendor failed to:

- distribute materials in a timely fashion
- publish materials that are within the industry editorial standards (e.g., typos, editing, match of text to graphics)
- deliver the promised technology for teachers, students and parents.

We have attempted to work with the MiC vendor by:

- Reporting errors and typos to the vendor
- Replacing books at all schools multiple times
- Meeting with the vendor to discuss technology
- Conferring with corporate representatives

Despite the distribution and technology problems, teachers have taught so that our students continue to learn amazing amounts of math! However, the vendor is making that job more difficult and challenging than it already is.

In discussions with principals and middle school math teachers, the best and most expedient course of action is to recommend that the Board of Directors replace the current materials with the adoption committee's other finalist choice, *Connected Mathematics*. Both

programs were held in high regard by our teachers and by external reviews. Many Washington State districts use *Connected Math*, including other districts in the Microsoft partnership.

Middle School Math teachers began reviewing the *Connected Math* materials in November, 2007. The committee's charge was to determine if the CMP materials are sufficiently better than the MiC materials to warrant replacing MiC with CMP. Special attention focused on:

- Technology
- Student Support
- Family Support
- Vendor Issues

The committee and middle school principals met with a panel of teachers and principals from districts currently using *Connected Math*. The panel included one district using the *Everyday Math/Connected* sequence and one district using the *Connected/College Prep* sequence. The middle school review committee and principals unanimously recommended *Connected Math Project* as a replacement for *Mathematics In Context* materials.

The Instructional Materials Committee began their deliberations and review of the materials in February. The IMC recommended that *Connected Math Project* move forward to the Board of Directors for approval as replacement for the current basic materials used in Middle School math classes.

If the materials replacement and adoption is approved on March 12; professional development, surplus process and transition considerations would begin immediately for a full launch in September, 2008.

Connected Math Project materials have been on public display February 28, 2008 through March 12, 2008 in the lobby of the Administration Building.

Lynn Brogan and Jerry Miller will be in attendance to respond to board questions.
