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Palos South Math Adoption – Go Math

This school year, Palos South has been piloting the *Go Math* Program with the intention of providing our students and teachers with mathematics materials that will better align to the rigorous Illinois learning standards and meet the demands of 21st century learning. The *Go Math* Program offers both digital and print resources for students and teachers.

To help us make an informed decision, survey data was collected this spring from students, teachers and parents who participated in the year-long pilot. Additionally, the committee looked at various forms of data that was gathered throughout the school year.

After a comprehensive review, I am pleased to announce that students, teachers, and parents rated the *Go Math* Program highly. The Palos South Math committee and administration recommended the adoption of Go Math, and I am pleased to announce that the Board of Education approved the recommendation. I would like to thank all of the teachers, students and parents who provided feedback throughout the process.

Preparing for Late Start Wednesdays

We want to continue to remind Palos 118 families that beginning next school year, all school starting times on Wednesdays will be 30 minutes later for all students with the exception of the first and last week of school.

In preparation for this change, each school is preparing supervision plans for families who have no other option for care during late start Wednesdays. More information on these plans will be available soon on the District 118 website. Please know that if you plan on using the morning supervision, parents will have to sign up in advance, transport their children each Wednesday, and walk them into the school for early sign in. During this time, children will be supervised in a quiet area and must adhere to all school rules.

For more information on late start times, logistics, and planning, please click on [Frequently Asked Questions regarding Late Start Wednesdays](#).

Palos South & 1:1 Devices

Next school year, we will once again be providing 1:1 tablets to all students in grades 6-8 at Palos South. Students will have access to their own Windows enabled tablet both throughout the school day and at home. Teachers will be able to post assignments and additional learning resources through Schoology, our Learning Management System, allowing students and parents to track homework, communicate with teachers, and collaborate with classmates.

To better serve students and parents with the transition to 1:1, the District 118 Technology Team will provide a **virtual** orientation session that will be available in early August. Over the summer, Palos South parents will receive an email containing device pick up dates and a link to the virtual presentation and instructions on viewing. Parents and students who are new to Palos South must view the presentation prior to the tablet pick up dates, which will be announced in the near future. The presentation will contain general information regarding students using their devices and how to use the Schoology Learning Management System prior to the start of the new school year. Additionally, **all parents and students must complete a Signed Agreement Form (for each child in the family) prior to receiving their device.**

The Technology Team works hard to support students and parents with digital learning. Parents should look for more information regarding preferred device pick up dates, which will be coming out in the near future via email.