

Advance Notice
March 24, 2010

IMC Recommended Material Adoption – High School Mathematics –Murphy

Action to be taken: I move that the Board accept the following basic materials: *Discovering Mathematics: Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra.*

The Office of Secondary Education along with Teaching and Learning Services formally presented the IMC's recommendation to the board on March 10, 2010. These materials were approved at the IMC's February 11, 2010 meeting.

- The High School Math Adoption Committee began their work in February 2009. The specific charge to the committee was to review and recommend cohesive, comprehensive, standards-based high school math instructional materials to accomplish this purpose. Eight publishers were invited to submit materials for the review. They included the highest-rated materials from the state review and materials from publishers of the District's current elementary and middle school adopted math programs. Teachers on the committee thoroughly analyzed the content for alignment with the new state standards and the academic rigor necessary for Issaquah's high-performing student population, field tested the materials with students; gauged online family support resources, talked to schools currently using the materials, evaluated the reliability of the vendor in light of previous experiences in the Issaquah School District and across the state, and consulted across the District with math colleagues. Ultimately, on May 27, the committee unanimously selected the Discovering Math Series by Key Curriculum Press as its recommendation for adoption.

Discovering Mathematics materials have been on public display since February 12, through the present date in the lobby of the Administration Building.

Patrick Murphy and Teaching and Learning Staff will be in attendance to share some new information around data and experiences in other districts, and to respond to board questions.
