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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Derry Cooperative School District has adopted the middle school series *Big Ideas Math* Program, distributed by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Big Ideas Math consultants have provided professional development to teachers using the program. Throughout the school year, consultants will continue to provide professional development to support the program.

The *Big Ideas Math* Program aligns with the Common Core Mathematics State Standards and provides both traditional and digital tools to enhance instruction and student engagement in the learning process through higher order thinking skills. Each student will have a hard cover textbook, a Record & Practice Journal, and an online access code that enables him/her to access the *Big Ideas Math* interactive textbook at home if conditions allow.

As a parent or guardian you have access to all of the *Big Ideas Math* Program that your student does. You may use any of the resources on the Students Page to help your student with homework or to prepare for tests and quizzes. These resources can be accessed at the following website:

<https://www.bigideasmath.com/parents/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to correspond with your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

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