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The West Islip School District

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PLEASE READ, THIS AFFECTS YOUR CHILD.

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you are aware, New York State has raised the standards for all our students with assessment requirements now in place for grades 3 through 8. In our pursuit of excellence, the West Islip School District will continue to enhance its mathematics programs to better prepare our students for these tests. In order to be successful on these exams, students must continuously maintain their mathematical skills.

In past years, the mathematics department has prepared a packet of problems for students to work on during the summer. For this year and others to follow, the mathematics department has developed an on-line version of the summer packet using **CastleLearning.com**. Those students entering 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades in September will have access to the *on-line version* of these packets. The on-line questions are grade specific, and consist of questions that students should be able to solve based upon concepts learned. Students will have access to go online to complete the questions with each one providing *immediate* feedback that includes hints, flash card review, reasons for the response whether right or wrong along with related vocabulary. The skill oriented questions are all based on the New York State Standards.

Additionally, the use of the on line system will also allow students to create their own session to review *topic specific* questions. Students also have the ability to access other subject areas that they may also be interested in working on over the summer. Our wish is that this Summer Enrichment completed during the summer months will prepare the students for the new school year. ***We need your assistance to ensure that this assignment is completed over the summer.*** All Summer Enrichment Assignments will be available beginning **Monday, June 29, 2009** and will need to be completed by **Friday, August 28, 2009.**

Students will find a link off of the district home page, www.wi.k12.ny.us under **Summer Activities** for Castle Learning where additional information can also be found. The website to go directly is www.castlelearning.com. The format for the user name/ID and password for your child can be found on the district website www.wi.k12.ny.us/castlelearning/castlelearning.htm.

Your child's math teacher will review the completed work in September, and teachers will count the completion of this assignment as bonus points in your child's first quarter grade. Thank you for your cooperation in assisting your child in maintaining his/her mathematical skills during the summer.

Sincerely,

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EXTRA HELP for the Math Summer Enrichment can be arranged while Summer School is in session by calling the high school at 631-893-3250. A secretary will take your name and number and a teacher will respond and make an appointment accordingly. A teacher will be available for extra help as well as *computer access* between **July 13, 2009** and **August 7, 2009.**