

March 2, 2020

Dear Litchfield Alumni Association,

The staff and students of Litchfield Schools want to thank the Alumni Association for your generous monetary gift of \$20,000 over the past two years that allowed us to have a state-of-the-art science lab that accommodates 30 students comfortably and safely. Your dedication to LCS students is greatly appreciated.

We are recommending the funds being contributed this year are allocated to the math department to assist in purchasing math curriculum and supplementary materials for grades 6 through 8. In 2014 we purchased elementary math curriculum materials. As a part of the bargain our current 6-8 curriculum was piloted at no cost to the district. The piloted program has proven to be substandard to meet the foundational needs of our students. Knowing that the needs of our students were not being met, our math team, Ms. VanDusen, Mr. Stageman, and Mrs. Burger spent the summer of 2019 vertically aligning the curriculum to meet state standards.

Improving student achievement in math is a primary goal in both our building and district improvement plans, and we are dedicated to improving scores for all students at LCS. We fully expect that our new materials will result in an improvement of 10% on our State testing scores, and 10% on our NWEA growth scores.

Ms. VanDusen and Mr. Stageman have researched some resources and at this point their recommendation would be that we adopt the Reveal Math program. This is a research based program and the peer reviews are the best of all the programs researched. I have included the proposal sheet from the McGraw Hill company.

Thank You for your continued interest and investment in the students of Litchfield Community Schools. You folks are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mike Corey - Superintendent

LCS Math Team