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TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education *DRW*

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SUBJECT: Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge: *Solving the Mystery of Math*

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is proud to announce the 2018 Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge: *Solving the Mystery of Math*. Math education is a priority and the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge is designed to assist students in retaining math learning during the summer. Schools with the highest percentage of participating enrollment will be recognized for their efforts.

Students in grades 1 through 8 will be able to take advantage of the Summer Math Challenge, sponsored by Metametrics. This is a FREE math skills maintenance program based on grade-level standards that help prepare students for college and careers. The program is targeted to students who have just completed grades 1 through 8 and is designed to help them retain math skills learned during the previous school year.

In an effort to expand the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge, students in grades 9 through 12 are encouraged to practice their math skills using the Official SAT Practice from College Board and Khan Academy. Students can link their College Board accounts or determine their current skill level using the diagnostic quizzes provided to get personalized practice recommendations.

Similar to the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge, all information and printable materials (e.g., math log, registration information, and information for parents and students) for the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge can be found on the [State Department of Education Website](#).

Please forward this e-mail to your principals, math curriculum specialists, coaches and numeracy leaders so that they can include the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge in their summer programming.

Please contact Jennifer Michalek at 860-713-6557 or jennifer.michalek@ct.gov if you have any questions about the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge.