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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Beginning in the fall of 2022, Little Axe High School is partnering with the University of Oklahoma to provide additional math instruction to incoming 9th grade students who have been identified as needing support in math, based on 8th grade test results.

Little Axe High School staff used 8th grade assessment data from the NWEA MAP exam to identify incoming 9th grade students in need of additional support. Students who are selected for additional support enroll in both Algebra I and in a supplemental math course. In some of these supplemental math classes, students will also be assigned to work with highly trained tutors from the University of Oklahoma three times a week.

Why is Little Axe High School participating in this initiative?

The first year of high school is a particularly important year for students. However, the pandemic has created many challenges, and evidence from across the country suggests that student learning has suffered considerably. Little Axe is partnering with the University of Oklahoma to stem these learning losses and ensure that our ninth-grade students are prepared for success in high school and beyond.

The partnership with OU is part of the Transformative Tutoring Initiative. The Transformative Tutoring Initiative (TTI) is a project funded by the University of Oklahoma that seeks to evaluate the effectiveness of high dosage tutoring and supplemental math classes on student learning. During the first year of the project, 9th grade students in both supplemental and tutoring classes at other schools in our state experienced large gains in math. We are aiming to replicate these gains with Little Axe's 9th grade students during the coming academic year.

We are excited about this opportunity. If you would like more information about the Transformative Tutoring Initiative, please visit the links on the next page, or scan the QR codes.

Sincerely,

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