

It all adds up

New tool kit for parents to help kids succeed in math



(Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016) – It’s no secret that parents are the most important influence in a child’s education.

So it shouldn’t come as any surprise that educators are turning to parents to help boost academic achievement – especially in the subject area of mathematics.

“We’re putting a lot of time, effort, and resources towards helping our students succeed in math, but getting that extra support from parents is really critical,” said Emelda Byrne, the WECDSB’s Executive Superintendent of Student Achievement. “We want to help parents help their children.”

That’s why the school board is spreading the word about an outstanding new resource for parents called *Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math*. Developed by experts in mathematics education and supported by the Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE), the new tool kit consists of modules with simple, but effective methods and materials for

parents. It shows them how to get involved in their children's learning, and offers guidance for working with students of different ages.

The kit consists of five different modules, covering Grades K-8, and each includes helpful videos, resource and implementation guides, fact sheets and support materials. A consistent theme throughout each module is focused on building math confidence in students and parents alike.

“We need to dispel the notion that there are ‘math people’ and ‘non-math people,’” Byrne said. “We want to create a can-do mindset in all of our schools, and that needs to be supported at home, so we really hope that parents will take full advantage of this tremendous resource.”

You can access the tool kit here: http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/parent_engagement-math/en/index.htm