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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Calculators are an integral part of high school mathematics. We use them on a daily basis in the classroom and they are necessary when taking the Georgia Milestones End of Course Assessment. During the 2014-2015 academic year, the Georgia Department of Education informed teachers, parents, and students that students taking EOCs in Coordinate Algebra, Analytic Geometry, Algebra 1, and Geometry would be allowed to use graphing calculators on these assessments. Furthermore, students taking these assessments in an online environment (as MPHS students did) only had access to the calculator provided within the testing platform. The graphing calculator (similar to the TI-84+) is the only calculator provided in the online platform. Concessions were made during the 2014-2015 academic year to allow handheld calculators on the EOCs, but future use of handheld calculators is not going to be allowed.

Because of this, the MPHS Mathematics Department is encouraging all of its students to purchase a graphing calculator. Because the Georgia Milestones require use of the TI-84+ graphing calculator, we are encouraging all students (from 9th-12th grades) in all math classes to purchase a graphing calculator. The TI-84+ calculator can be used in ALL math classrooms at Mary Persons at the discretion of the instructor(s). The graphing calculator will meet the requirements for all math courses including AP Calculus and AP Statistics. This purchase should be viewed an investment and will be something that students can carry with them for use in the postsecondary world.

The TI-84+ is available online and in stores such as Wal-Mart, Office Depot, Staples, and Target. As a school, we will take orders for and purchase TI-84+ graphing calculators. If you wish to order a calculator through the school, complete the form below and return it to Mr. Trey Bernard (on the Freshman Campus in room 905) or Dr. Sarah Williams (on the Main Campus in room 210) by Friday, September 4, 2015. A minimum deposit of \$35 is required to secure a calculator. Additional payments (minimum of \$25) will be accepted on calculators and will be due on October 2, 2015, November 6, 2015, and December 4, 2015. **The total cost of the calculator will be \$110.** Balances must be cleared by December 4, 2015. It will take approximately 2-4 weeks for your student's calculator to arrive and be delivered. Names will be engraved on the back of the calculator. Please direct any questions to Dr. Sarah Williams, MPHS Math Department Chair (sarah.williams@mcschools.org).

Thank you,
Math Department
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Student: _____ Name to be Engraved: _____

Student's Math Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent email: _____

Parent telephone: _____

Deposit Amount: _____ Cash Check