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Great Minds® Announces Eureka Math Equip™, a Diagnostic Tool to Help Teachers Identify, Fill Student Knowledge Gaps

Wednesday, June 24, 2020—Great Minds PBC today announced Eureka Math Equip, a suite of resources to help Eureka Math® teachers identify and fill student knowledge gaps from the past year or even earlier. The first adaptable diagnostic assessment built for Eureka Math, Eureka Math Equip will help educators respond to learning loss from widespread school closures while moving students forward.

“Teachers worked hard to continue student learning during school closures,” said Jill Diniz, chief academic officer for math. “Inevitably, there will be learning loss from fewer hours of instruction or difficulty accessing needed lessons. Teachers will need to know quickly where student knowledge stands to teach effectively. Eureka Math Equip will help teachers assess students and fill gaps with coherent instruction that ensures true understanding of math concepts.”

Teachers can use Eureka Math Equip to get one student, several students, or an entire class up to speed without interrupting current grade-level work. Research shows that retaining students at their grade or giving them watered-down content is a poor approach to closing knowledge gaps and is particularly damaging to students whose schools or families may have limited resources. Baltimore City Public Schools CEO Sonja Santelises, among other educators, has argued against holding students back. A better approach is assessing students and giving them the tools and the practice they need to succeed.

Taking that approach, Eureka Math Equip features sophisticated premodule assessments capable of identifying a student’s last point of success with the curriculum, a curated set of supporting lessons and fluency activities to help close knowledge gaps, and pacing guidance to keep instruction on schedule.

For each module in Grades 1–12, Eureka Math Equip includes the following:
• Premodule assessments that use branch logic to create a custom question path for each student to help pinpoint conceptual gaps and misunderstandings before every module

• Assessment reporting with data for both individual students and the whole class so educators can create learning groups to support students with similar needs

• Consolidated lessons that draw on content from previous grades to help students overcome knowledge gaps identified in the premodule assessments

• Pacing guidance to ensure that students stay on track with grade-level work while getting caught up—without adding instructional days

Eureka Math Equip complements both the traditional Eureka Math curriculum and Eureka Math in Sync™, a continuous learning program designed to ensure seamless knowledge building for students, whether they’re in the classroom or at home. Eureka Math in Sync features concise video lessons and downloadable, fillable PDFs to support teachers and students in this fluid learning environment.

A 2016 RAND Corporation report found Eureka Math and its original version, EngageNY Math, to be the most widely used elementary school math curricula in the nation. The core files of Eureka Math remain open for downloading on greatminds.org. Schools and districts that print the curriculum themselves may choose to buy Eureka Math Equip or Affirm®, a digital assessment and practice tool for current lessons.

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