September 5, 2014,

Dear Parent or Guardian of ________________________,

Congratulations! Andrew Carnegie Elementary School will be offering High School Algebra I for Middle Grade Students to qualified Carnegie students during the 2014-2015 school year. This class is scheduled during the regular school day. Your son or daughter has been recommended for this program and has demonstrated readiness to succeed based on the following criteria:

- ISAT and NWEA performance
- Understanding of key mathematical concepts
- Strong mathematics performance in seventh grade
- Teacher recommendation

Completing a rigorous algebra course in the middle grades will enable your child to enroll in advanced mathematics courses such as AP Calculus or AP Statistics as a senior in high school. Studies indicate that enrolling in advanced mathematics classes in high school increases the likelihood of success in college.

Students enrolled in High School Algebra I for Middle Grade students are expected to:

- Complete all assignments, projects and assessments
- Have consistent attendance

Students who successfully complete the course with a grade of “C” or better, who maintains daily attendance that meets or exceeds the system wide average, and who pass the city-wide end-of-the-year algebra exit examination will have the opportunity to enroll in geometry or another advances course in high school.

Please sign below indicating that you are aware of your child’s participation in this course and understand the criteria for participation and eligibility for placement in advanced high school mathematics classes.

At Carnegie, we are excited about his opportunity to offer High School Algebra I for Middle Grade Students. We believe that your child’s past success in mathematics will be the foundation for success in this course. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. D. Pollard                         Mrs. M. DePalo, Algebra Teacher
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I understand that my child, ________________________________, will be participating in High School Algebra I for Middle Grade Students. I understand the criteria for participation and the criteria for placement in advanced high school mathematics classes.

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Parent Signature