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Dear Teachers, Parents and Students:

We hope that everyone is settling into the new school year. We at Math Challengers are preparing to conduct our annual Mathematics competition. This year it is going to be conducted differently than in years past, since we cannot conduct our competition in the same format during the pandemic. With luck we are hoping that we might be able to conduct provincials similarly to years past. With this news we are planning on conducting our regional competition within each school and will be relying on support of our mathematics community.

Due to the changes and the unfortunate cancellation of the Provincials last year we are going to provide this year's competition at no cost, in the hopes that we can increase the participation across the province. Since meeting en masse is unacceptable we are planning to provide the competition to be administered by volunteers. This way the competition can be performed in small groups and also will not require travel for participants and coaches, hoping that this can increase engagement.

Our recommendation is to review our website <http://www.mathchallengers.ca/>

Things to note:

- Participate in the short competition survey and help us gauge how best to conduct the competition for this year.  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SkDFBRBPh0itSuPJtfOQ6oOtoQZi-D1It--FMMcoXQNUOU9aMjBOVFTQzU4TIE3TU0zT1pVSIFZTy4u>
- Register at your earliest convenience. We are hoping that we get as many registrants as possible.  
<http://www.mathchallengers.ca/registration.htm>
- Looking for some questions to review?  
Answer: <http://www.mathchallengers.ca/teaching.htm>
- We are trying to gauge interest in the competition, to see if there is a palate for some Zoom meetings prior to the regional competition, to review some questions and maybe try a new method of Face-Off. Hoping to do this for education and fun.
- WOOT, Awards will be provided similar to years past.

We wish you all the best and hope to see your school participate in 2021 edition of Math Challengers.

Sincerely,

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***Math Challengers Chair***