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**TO:** Superintendents of Schools

**FROM:** Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education 

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**SUBJECT:** Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge: *Math All Around Us*

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is proud to announce the 2017 Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge: *Math All Around Us*. With an engaging variety of activities, students avoid the "summer math slump" and are better prepared for the upcoming school year. Schools with the highest percentage of participating enrollment and the highest number of badges earned by participating students will be recognized for their efforts.

To assist students in retaining math learning during the summer, the Summer Math Challenge, sponsored by the CSDE in partnership with Metametrics is offering a FREE math skills maintenance program based on grade-level standards. The program is targeted to students who have just completed grades 1 through 8. It is designed to help them retain math skills learned during the previous school year. Families enroll online and receive **daily emails** from June 19, 2017, through July 28, 2017, with fun activities and links to educational resources. Each week of the six-week program targets a different grade level concept. The Students earn badges for completing the activities related to each concept and can print a certificate showing their earned badges.

Similar to the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge, all information and printable materials (e.g., math log, registration information, and information for parents and students) for the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge can be found on the State Department of Education Web site. The link to the web page is <http://www.ct.gov/sde/summermathchallenge>.

Please forward this e-mail to your principals, math curriculum specialists, math coaches, and numeracy leaders to include the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge in their summer programming. Please contact Jennifer Michalek at 860-713-6557 or [jennifer.michalek@ct.gov](mailto:jennifer.michalek@ct.gov) if you have questions about the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge.