



# Board of Public Education

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Montana Board of Public Education (Board) is committed to increasing K-12 attainment in math and math proficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Board is responsible for setting the graduation requirements as part of the Accreditation Standards, where currently two units of mathematics is required to graduate; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Public Instruction concludes that 78% of high schools already require three units or more of mathematics to graduate; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-24 Statewide Assessment shows that only 30.7% of 11th graders are at or above proficiency in math; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education concludes that roughly 15% of first-time freshmen are required to take remedial math before progressing into college-level math; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Montana Board of Public Education encourages the Office of Public Instruction and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to create a task force to explore whether a third unit of math should be required for graduation, and encourages Montana school districts to consider requiring a third unit of math for graduation.

RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON  
NOVEMBER 22, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy W. Tharp".

Dr. Tim Tharp  
Chairperson  
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