

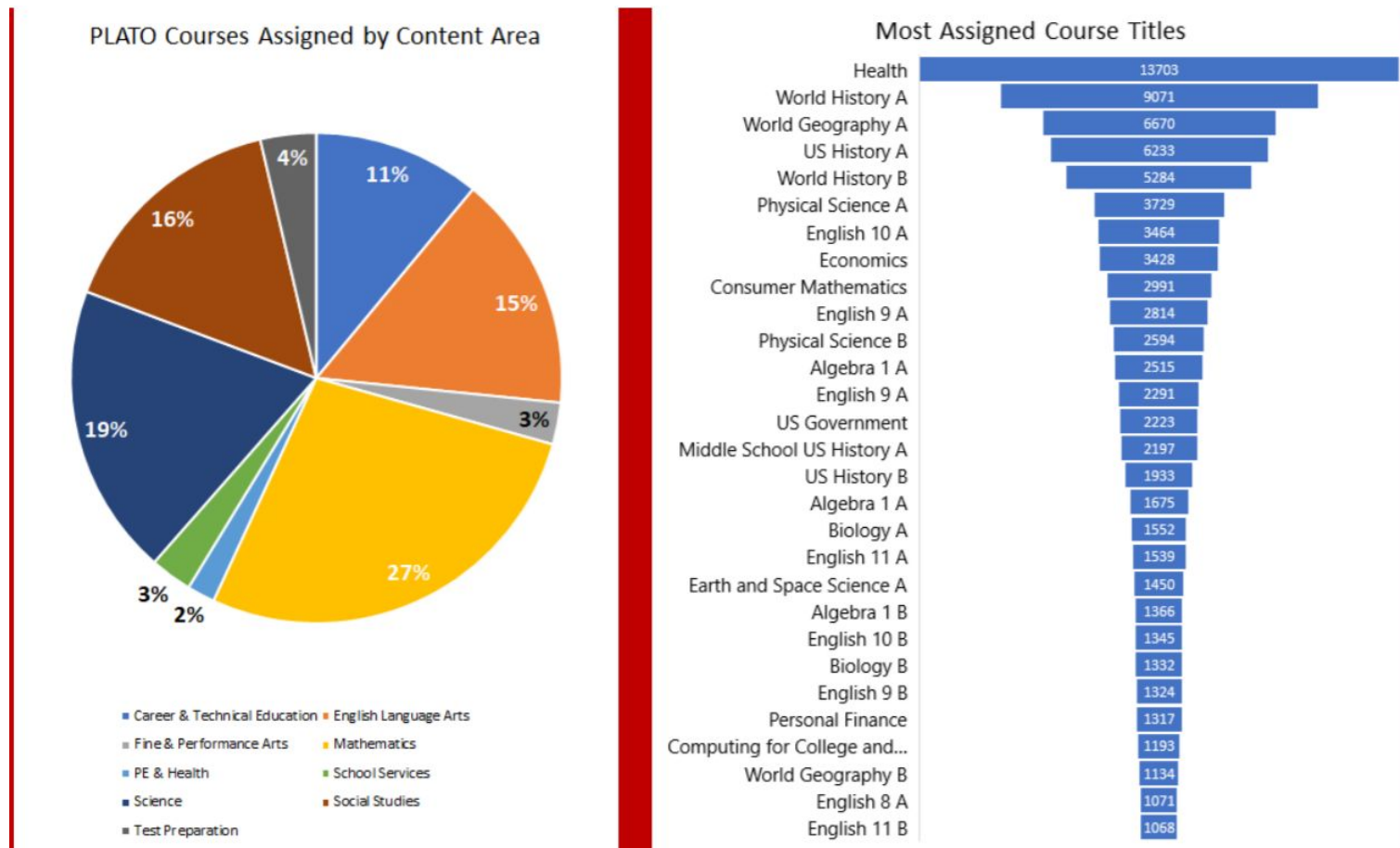
Memorandum



To: The Board of Trustees
From: Katie Graupman, Curriculum Director
Date: May 15, 2020
Re: Secondary Math Academy Proposal

PLATO by Edmentum is an online course content provider that was expanded in the Coeur d'Alene School District after Board approval in late spring 2019. While it has the potential to offer our students primary online instruction, the District has only used it as credit retrieval for the 2019-2020 school year, primarily through Venture High School but also at the Juvenile Detention Center. Lake City High School also used it for some math credit retrieval for the 2019-2020 school year.

The charts below show the most assigned course titles in PLATO for this calendar year:



Coeur d'Alene Public Schools is moving slowly to offer PLATO as a primary instructional tool so that we can be very intentional and thoughtful both about the content and the delivery of PLATO courses. For content, we want to verify any courses offered align with the current Coeur d'Alene School District curriculum in the scope and depth we would expect and demand for our students. This takes time to properly vet courses to ensure students receive quality content. In delivery, we want to make certain we have the practices and procedures in place to guarantee our students receive a high-quality experience. Online delivery requires having a teacher of record who is credentialed to deliver the course content. It also requires oversight of the student experience to ensure students are truly learning.

Drawing upon lessons learned from PLATO's use in the 2019-2020 school year, the District will rely heavily on PLATO for summer school 2020, and look at expanding it for remote learning in the 2020-2021 school year.