

July 5, 2006

The Honorable Cynthia Thornton  
State Board of Education District 10  
P.O. Box 321  
Round Top, Texas 78954

Dear Mrs. Thornton:

I am pleased with recent legislative action requires that students to take a required fourth year of math and science. I understand that currently Computer Science classes are neither considered a math or a science. As, you draft implementation rules for the fourth year of science and math, please consider the opportunities for the development of advanced skills in both Mathematics and Science that a well conceived Computer Science curriculum can provide.

I have benefited from my own completion of four years of Math and Science at the High School level, and have gone on to teach mathematics at the middle school, high school and college levels. I have attained a Masters in Mathematics with a minor in Computer Science from Texas State. I also, have two young daughters attending Austin ISD in the fall, and I would like to see them have a wide variety of challenging courses available to choose from to meet their fourth year of Mathematics and Science requirement.

Please, feel free to contact me at 512-297-8690 or the e-mail address below. I would happy to provide additional information, regarding the importance of a challenging and diverse curriculum that includes Computer Science classes to meet the Math/Science requirements for High School graduation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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