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Dear Mathematics Teacher:

For over 50 years, the Mathematics Department at Southern Illinois University has hosted an annual High School Mathematics Field Day competition. This year's Math Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2026. We would like to invite your school to participate along with other high schools from neighboring communities in Missouri and Kentucky that lie within approximately 100 miles of Carbondale, Illinois, excluding St. Louis, Missouri.

The exam will be multiple choice and computer-graded. Awards will be given to the winning team in each grade level and division. Trophies will be presented to the winning school in each division. To be fair to the small public schools, private schools with a very selective, academically-based enrollment will be invited to compete in the large-school division. This is in keeping with recommendations by the ICTM. Each school will be able to enter up to 32 students with no more than 8 from any one of grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. We will give out freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior awards, and schools will compete in three divisions, determined by school size.

Due to heightened excitement and friendly competition, we will be presenting 1st Place ribbons to the top student in each grade in each school! More chances to be recognized for their hard work.

Please complete and email (jeaniffer.carman@siu.edu) the attendance sheet by Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, even if you tentatively plan to attend. We will do everything we can to accommodate you after that date, but the earlier you let us know, the better. The form is attached to this email.

If you plan (even tentatively) to participate, please fill out the attendance sheet. It is attached to this email by **March 5**th. If you have any questions about the contest, please feel free to call me at (618) 453-6523 or e-mail jeaniffer.carman@siu.edu.

Sincerely,

Jeaniffer Carman

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