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## Low Country Math Professionals Evaluate Nationally Recognized Math Program on Behalf of School Superintendents

### ***Algebra Nation Recommended for all Tri-County and State Algebra Students***

**North Charleston, SC** – The four school superintendents in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties requested that the Math Pathways Project Team (MPPT), a group of math professionals at the high school and college level supported by Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative, evaluate *Algebra Nation* for implementation locally.

*Algebra Nation* created by the Lastinger Institute (University of Florida) is an online instructional tool kit that contains videos, a workbook, an online diagnostic tool as well as an interactive online ‘wall’ where students can ask questions of qualified Algebra teachers. The program provides video tutorials that can be modified to conform with State standards and district practices, and then used as supplemental course material.

After careful consideration, MPPT has formally recommended that the four districts in the tri-county area work with The Lastinger Institute to bring *Algebra Nation* to the Low Country. MPPT further recommends that the South Carolina Department of Education give serious consideration to a State-wide initiative and that the school districts in the Low Country be available to serve as a pilot site.

“Evidence provided by state assessments, end of course exams and college placement tests strongly suggests that tri-county students need additional support for understanding and retaining algebraic math,” said Geoff Schuler, convener of the Math Pathways Project Team. “*Algebra Nation* is being used in Florida and other states, and we are pleased that the superintendents see the need for such a program in the Low Country.”

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## About Math Pathways Project Team

The Math Pathways Project Team (MPPT) was formed by the *Postsecondary Education Consortium* in collaboration with the Tri-county Cradle to Career Collaborative. The MPPT is comprised of Math professors and Math specialists from Charleston Southern University, The Citadel, Clemson, The College of Charleston, Trident Technical College and the University of South Carolina, as well as the following school districts: Berkeley County, Charleston County, Dorchester District Two, and Dorchester District Four.

## About Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative

The Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative (TCCC) is a community-wide movement in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties, South Carolina focused on improving the quality of life of its citizens and its workforce through education. Using data and focused community collaboration across a continuum from “cradle-to-career,” TCCC serves as a catalyst for widespread systemic change, with the ultimate goal of increased student success and economic prosperity for all.

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