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Board,  
I know questions are swirling around challenge courses at the middle school. The short answer is that the Academic Team was looking at best practices around access to rigorous coursework. Many districts have shown that middle school challenge courses create equity issues, and our Academic Team was planning to remove them going forward.

Academic Team meets tomorrow, then we will have some thorough talking points for you.

We had intended to give you information about this a few weeks ago as it was being discussed, and we failed to do so. Once you get all the information tomorrow we will be able to answer all of your questions. If you get any emails in the meantime I would suggest waiting until tomorrow for any responses.