

**Dear Parent or Guardian:**

**Our class will be conducting a math experiment based on statistics using the popular cultural game ‘March Madness’ as the venue. Your son or daughter is being asked/offered the right to participate in a ‘brackets’ experiment to coincide with the College Basketball Tournament – which begins this Thursday morning.**

**The game site can be found at [www.marchpool.com](http://www.marchpool.com). The curriculum taught will comply with the rigorous California State math standards which they will be tested against for acceptance any/all Universities.**

**An adjunct secondary curriculum on *gambling awareness* will also be covered as part of the lesson plan (and grade) of this math assignment.**

**Student results will be compared with sportswriter’s and other experts brackets, ideally communicating the folly of amateur wagering of time and energy today – and (hopefully not) hard earned money when they turn 18 or 21. No gambling (however small) will be tolerated from students using this site – with *Project Failure* being guaranteed as a (minimum) consequence.**

**PLEASE SIGN OFF your approval allowing your student to participate in this cultural math game played by 30 million Americans nationwide.**

**DO NOT SIGN OFF if you have any objection to your child’s participation in this assignment. *An alternative math project* will be provided for him/her at no detriment to their semester math grade.**

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**YES -- I allow my student to participate in this math statistics project**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_**

**NO -- I would prefer my HS Senior do the alternative math stats project**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_**

**parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_**