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Key Curriculum Press Releases Second Edition of *Interactive Mathematics Program*

Emeryville, Calif. (Dec. 10, 2008) — According to the U.S. Department of Education, less than half of America's high school graduates are prepared for college-level math and science, leaving educators searching for news ways to improve their students' academic achievement. In response, many educators have turned to the *Interactive Mathematics Program (IMP)* from Key Curriculum Press. The four-year integrated high school mathematics curriculum, designed and field-tested with support from the National Science Foundation, helps teachers lead their students to success in mathematics.

The *IMP* is an integrated, problem-based curriculum that offers challenging content and emphasizes mathematical reasoning. *IMP*'s approach helps students learn to think creatively and critically, and teaches them to draw from many areas of mathematics to solve real-life problems. During this process, *IMP* students acquire a number of transferable life-enriching skills, ranging from working in groups to expressing ideas orally and in writing. Studies show that compared to students in traditional mathematics high school courses, *IMP* students have significantly higher overall grade point averages and score as well or better on standardized tests such as the SAT.

"The *Interactive Mathematics Program* is integrated so students access algebra, geometry, probability, statistics, and trigonometry every year," said Kimberly Race, math teacher at Littleton Public School's Littleton High School. "Students often comment on how much they have to think when using the program, and they enjoy the unit problem themes and are very engaged in cooperative learning and student presentations. A large writing component of the curriculum also helps improve students' technical writing abilities. In addition, the program's Teacher's Guide supports teachers along the way with objectives, questions to ask in class, scope and sequence, and supplemental materials for differentiating instruction."

In response to educator feedback, Key Curriculum Press has released a second edition of *IMP Year 1*. The new edition helps educators immediately challenge, engage and focus their students. Revised to better help an educator prepare their students for algebra-based standardized tests, *Year 1* provides a broader introduction to algebra and more formal work with linear functions and algebraic symbol manipulation. In addition, the second edition offers an online Teacher's Guide with printable resources, sample lesson plans and advice from other educators.

For more information on the *IMP* and Key Curriculum Press, visit www.keypress.com.

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Key Curriculum Press develops effective, high-quality mathematics and science educational materials. The company is a leading publisher of inquiry-based textbooks, software and supplemental materials for elementary, middle and high school students. In addition, Key Curriculum Press offers professional development workshops and online courses to provide mathematics and science educators with the training, experience and support they need to incorporate effective teaching strategies. The company was founded by mathematics educators in 1971 and is headquartered in Emeryville, Calif. For more information, visit www.keypress.com or phone 800-995-6284.

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