



# NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## NUSD Teacher at TeachFest

(Novato, CA)... NUSD teacher and instructional coach, Catherine Nam, has been selected as one of 140 teachers nationwide representing 42 states to be part of the LearnZillion Dream Team. Travelling to Washington, D.C. in May, Ms. Nam collaborated with a group of teachers from across the country to begin developing a math unit for 4<sup>th</sup> graders at TeachFest, an all-expenses-paid, three-day professional development that jump starts the Dream Team's deep dive into the Common Core.

Now back in Novato, Ms. Nam will work over the summer developing curriculum with her Team working virtually with their coach and colleagues with the full support of the LearnZillion staff. In August, all content that meets the LearnZillion's quality bar will be featured on LearnZillion.com.

"Over the next two months I will be continually collaborating with the other Dream Team teachers to refine and polish a 4th grade unit on measurement conversions," commented Catherine Nam. "At TeachFest, it was an honor to be part of a truly collaborative team working towards an end goal of creating a K-8 math curriculum. I am excited to bring back everything I learned and share it with teachers in NUSD and in Marin County," added Ms. Nam.

LearnZillion.com offers a free and growing set of Math and English Language resources for grades 2-12 that have been developed by expert teachers directly from the Common Core State Standards. Every year LearnZillion.com selects a pool of highly qualified teachers from across the country to create the content seen on LearnZillion.com. This Dream Team of incredible educators ranges from board certified teachers to those with less than five years of classroom experience. Each of them, however, has demonstrated a deep understanding of the Common Core, the ability to create lessons that connect with students, and a hunger to continue their own learning journey. Over 4,000 teachers nationwide applied and Ms. Nam represents Novato Unified and Marin County.

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