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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Math Nation Available as Schools Prepare for Virtual Learning due to COVID-19

GAINESVILLE, FL, March 11, 2020 – As our country takes action to minimize the spread of COVID-19, Math Nation, created by the University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning and Study Edge, is committed to supporting continued access to high quality, portable mathematics educational materials for teachers and students. As families, schools, and districts face difficult decisions around keeping students home in order to reduce risks of exposure, Math Nation is offering full digital access free of charge to school districts desiring to provide distance learning opportunities in the face of the disruptions caused by the threat of this public health situation.

Math Nation provides a comprehensive digital textbook for Middle Grades Math (6th-8th), Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 courses as well as PSAT and SAT preparation materials. The platform includes more than 5,000 engaging instructional videos led by dynamic virtual co-teachers ("Study Experts") utilizing various strategies to meet a range of student learning styles and abilities. To meet the diverse needs of our students, every Algebra 1 topic has been filmed in both English and Spanish, and there are Spanish glossary videos available for every vocabulary term in each course. A sample video can be viewed at MathNation.com/learnmore.

Students and teachers can assess their understanding of specific topics in real-time with the Check Your Understanding and Test Yourself! practice tools, as well as the EdgeXL assessment generator. Solution videos for all Test Yourself! problems demonstrate how to master the concepts, and teachers can track their students' progress remotely through a robust reporting system for all digital practice and assessment tools.

Math Nation is built to be as accessible as possible. Students, teachers, and families in Math Nation districts can download iOS, Android, and iPad apps free of charge, in addition to utilizing the program on the web. Additionally, students can download videos while on wifi (at Starbucks, McDonald's, etc.) in order to watch at a later time when they may not have wireless connectivity.

The Lastinger Center is opening up digital access to any district in the country free of charge through August 31, 2020 to serve as a vital resource for all school and district emergency preparedness plans. Although printed workbooks will not be available free of charge, users can download and print workbook units from within the platform. As a result, even as families and schools face difficult decisions about how to protect students and staff, lost learning time will be minimized while also mitigating the risk posed by the spread of COVID-19.

All content within the Math Nation platform is already aligned to the standards within each state that has funded access, including Florida, Michigan, Mississippi, and South Carolina. For districts in states where Math Nation doesn't currently exist, the Florida standards-aligned content will be made available at no cost and we can assist you with aligning our resources to your state's standards and district's scope and sequence.

Please contact Math Nation at <u>access@MathNation.com</u> or 888-608-MATH if interested in obtaining no-cost digital access until August 31, 2020, or visit <u>MathNation.com/learnmore</u> for more information.

## About Math Nation

Math Nation is a dynamic online mathematics teaching and learning platform developed by the University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning in partnership with Study Edge. Math Nation provides around-the-clock access to high quality 6th-8<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 resources. Launched in Florida in 2013, Math Nation has expanded into several states, currently serving more than 1,000,000 students and 20,000 teachers. Math Nation is proven to improve achievement by students across all demographics. To learn more about Math Nation, visit MathNation.com/learnmore. For questions, contact <a href="mailto:access@MathNation.com">access@MathNation.com</a> or call 888-608-MATH.