



# PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Dear Parent or Guardian,**

**The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires the testing of all English Learners (ELs) using an annual state mandated assessment. Therefore, your child will participate in the WIDA ACCESS 2.0 test. This test will be administered by your child's ESL teacher between January 22, 2018 and February 23, 2018.**

**This test assesses the listening, speaking, reading and writing skills of ELs. Students in Grades 6-12 will take the assessment online. Kindergarten students will use a paper/pencil version of the assessment, and students in Grades 1-5 will take a combination of the online and paper/pencil assessment.**

**The assessment is designed to assist Pennsylvania school districts in determining the effectiveness and the quality of their Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP). DRC will score the assessment and the results will be available to all Pennsylvania school districts in late spring. A copy of your child's individual scores will be sent to you after they are received by the district.**

**If you have any questions regarding the WIDA ACCESS 2.0 assessment, feel free to contact me or your child's ESL teacher. We appreciate your ongoing support of your child's education and our LIEP Program.**

**Sincerely,**

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