Guidance for Student Support Team Considerations with English Language Learners

Parent or teacher reports that an English Language Learner (ELL) student is experiencing school related problems that are not related to, or the result of, second language acquisition.
The type of problem that the student is experiencing is specified (oral language, reading comprehension, etc.).
The student's WIDA score is reviewed or, if none available, an English Language Proficiency Assessment is administered.
The possible need for expanded bilingual/ESL service must be explored relative to WIDA scores and achievement in school.
A classroom observation may be done by someone knowledgeable in second language learning, to evaluate the appropriateness of the student's current educational/learning environment.
The existing plans for instructional intervention (MTSS), as well as the existing second language learner services are reviewed for fidelity and records of student progress.
The Student Support Team determines intervention plan for the student.
If the Student Support Team is suspecting a handicapping condition, the recommendation is made to schedule a REED.
A REED is convened to examine existing education data and determine the need of special education referral. The bilingual/ESL staff person must be included. Result of REED can produce:
 □ Resolution of concern □ Section 504 referral □ Special education referral