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Dear Immersion Families,

After much thought and consideration, the Caesar Rodney School Board voted to make a shift to our middle school immersion program structure. Starting in the 2023 - 2024 school year, students who completed the district's elementary immersion classes will move to the middle school and be enrolled in one class period for each of the three years they are in middle school, focused on literacy and culture in their chosen target language (Chinese or Spanish). Students will be participating in Science in English rather than the target language as scheduled in previous years.

We will be working with the 6th grade immersion teacher to develop and plan a capstone project that will be ongoing throughout their middle school experience. In addition, we will be developing a behavior expectation agreement with input from students and staff. The district will also be revising the Language Proficiency Report that will provide students and their families details on student progression in the target language vs. where they are projected to be performing at the end of each marking period.

Just as parents signed a commitment letter in kindergarten, we will be developing additional letters for 3rd grade and 6th grade explaining how the immersion program is progressing.

Over the summer, we will be revising our literacy curriculum to embed more cultural literacy and develop cross-curricular activities to supplement the language instruction as well. Thank you for your continued support as we make these changes to our program. If you have any questions please contact Tara Faircloth at (302) 697-2173 or via email at tara.faircloth@cr.k12.de.us.

Sincerely,

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