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Dear AAPS Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your student. At the time of your student's enrollment in the Ann Arbor Public School District, you indicated that English was not the primary or only language spoken in your home. For this reason, your child was required to take an English Language Proficiency Screener. Regardless of whether or not your child is receiving English Learner (EL) services, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requires a follow-up assessment this spring called the Spring WIDA Access for English Learners. This is a Federal and State required assessment to ensure that the proper linguistic supports are in place for your student.

The Spring 2024 WIDA Access assessment will be administered between February 5 and March 22, 2024. Your student's EL teacher or a trained proctor will administer the assessment during the school day. There are four components to the assessment: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The assessment will be completed over the course of several days. Your student will complete one component of the WIDA per test session.

The Ann Arbor Public Schools has adopted the Michigan Department of Education's [Electronic Device Policy for State Testing](#). As such, students are not permitted to use, wear, or access any personal, non-testing electronic devices during testing or during a break from an active testing session. Please review this guidance with your student as we all work together to have a smooth and secure assessment administration.

Your student's building principal and classroom teacher(s) are aware of the requirement and importance of this assessment. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the principal or EL teacher.

Results of this assessment typically come to the district in late summer, and we will mail a copy of your student's results home before the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Thank you for partnering with us and we look forward to sharing the results as soon they are received,

*Dawn Linden*

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