ACCESS or Screener Overall Proficiency:
Assessment Date:

☐ **Entering** ☐ **Emerging** ☐ **Developing** ☐**Expanding** ☐ **Bridging** ☐ **Reaching**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your student was identified for the English Language Learners (ELL) program based on the language information provided on the Parent Questionnaire (PQ), which was completed at your student's initial registration with the Anchorage School District (ASD). ASD is responsible for identifying and determining if students who have had the influence of a language other than English in their background qualify for the ELL program. Your student's most recent English language proficiency assessment indicates that they meet the criteria for the program. Their overall score from this assessment is marked above. To view your student's test history, please check the Testing Results section in Parent Connect.

Below is information regarding our ELL program's support models. Placement for these courses is based on English proficiency level as determined by the most recent ACCESS test and date of program entry as well as current course performance and student need.

ELL Core Courses: English Language Arts, Algebra 1, Social Studies, Science

These courses are intended to provide supportive access to district-adopted grade-level core curricula

ELL Tutorial (High School and some Middle Schools)

These courses are intended to provide structured support to build independence and confidence with classwork from core courses and ensure ELL-related barriers to academic success are addressed

English Language Development Courses: Levels 1-3

These courses are intended to provide instruction in language acquisition and development and increasing literacy skills to better access core content

- Level 1 focuses on increasing ELL students' academic English skills in the areas of Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing as measured by the WIDA proficiency levels and providing foundational literacy skills instruction to address the needs of students new to English.
- Level 2 focuses on developing ELL students' mastery and application of academic English through structured English Language Development lessons and academic conversations; practice successful scaffolding skills to support students in core content classes
- Level 3 focuses on improving writing and grammar skills for the intermediate ELL students; continue to develop communication skills, English language vocabulary, and understanding of grammatical structures

The ELL program meets the objectives set for limited-English proficient students with disabilities through adhering to the ASD policy regarding students with disabilities. This information is found on the ASD website: https://www.asdk12.org/domain/1242

To exit the ELL program, your student must attain proficiency on the annual English language proficiency assessment, ACCESS, given in February. To view your student's English language proficiency assessment test history, please check the Testing Results section in Parent Connect. Students who enter the ELL Program at an Entering level and receive consistent ELL support in ASD are predicted to exit the program in 3-5 academic years.

The program exit criteria is set by the AK Department of Education and Early Development (DEED). This year's exit criteria is as follows:

Overall/Composite score of **4.5 or higher**
Feel free to contact your child's school with any questions, concerns, or if you would like a printed copy of this letter.

To view information about your child's academic progress, please log in to Q Parent Connect with the personal identification number (PIN) provided by the school.

Current four-year graduation rates for students identified as ELL are available in the Equity Dashboard by clicking Outcomes by Group. LEP is the group identifier for ELL students.

We encourage you to be active participants in your child's education. You have the right to:

- request regular meetings to discuss your child's language development and academic progress.
- waive services in this program (your child will still be required to take the annual WIDA assessment). Please contact your school for additional information.

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