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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are excited to share information with you about a New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) program known as the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy. The Seal of Biliteracy was introduced in January 2016 and provides recognition to high school seniors who are able to demonstrate a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. The Seal of Biliteracy includes a certificate prepared by the NJ Department of Education and an appropriate insignia affixed to the student's high school transcript. This Seal provides evidence of linguistic skills that are attractive to future employers and college admission offices. Hillsborough Township Public Schools is piloting this program beginning with the graduating Class of 2017. In order for students to be considered for this recognition, they must meet the following criteria:

1. Students must demonstrate a proficiency level of Intermediate Mid (as described by the [American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages](#)) in a world language.
2. Students must demonstrate proficiency in English and Math by meeting State high school [graduation requirements](#) or its alternative.
3. English Language Learners (ELLs), must have met the ACCESS 2.0 proficiency requirements by their junior year.
4. All students must achieve [graduation requirements](#) in all other content areas.

To this end, all seniors currently enrolled in a Level V (level IV for Chinese and Latin) World Language course in Hillsborough High School will be administered a state-approved assessment some time during the week of January 30, 2017 during scheduled class time.

For more information on the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy, please visit the Department of Education's [website](#). Should any questions arise, please contact Enrique Pincay, District Supervisor of World Languages and ESL at epincay@https.us.

We look forward to celebrating this impressive accomplishment with our students and staff.

Sincerely,

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