

# ELD/Bilingual/Library Board Report

January 2025

## ESL & Dual Language

ELPA testing will begin next week. Here is our testing schedule:

	Testing Window	Results Delivered
Kindergarten	January 14-24	March 17
Grades 6-8	January 21-31	March 17
Grades 1-5	February 10-21	April 8
Grades 9-12	March 3-14	May 12

Newcomers – we continue to get more newcomers, most recently in kindergarten. My best estimate is that we have over 80 newcomers in the district, with at least 4 who were with us, but moved. The grades with the most newcomers are grades K-2, and grade 10 (where there are 11 newcomers). There are at least 3 newcomers at every grade. We are fortunate to have the dual language classes in place, as they help soften the newcomers’ landing at the elementary level. For the secondary newcomers we continue to provide bilingual assistants throughout the day.

Title III Immigrant Grant – This year we were awarded additional Title III funds to use with immigrant students. Though not much, the grant provides enough for us to purchase 8 iPads for use by newcomers at UHS, and possibly CBMS. With the iPads, students will have several tools available, including Google Translate, to help make content more accessible.

## Libraries

Battle of the Books has started at MHES and will soon begin at CBMS. At MHES there are 18 teams. Over the next few weeks, they will each play 2 practice rounds. Points earned during the practice rounds will be used in seeding the teams for the double-elimination tournament that runs through February.

And finally, as promised, the Grinch showed up to read books to classes on December 16. It was a fun, but exhausting day!



As usual, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me. Thank you!

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