

DIRECTOR OF BILINGUAL SERVICES

MEMO

To: Susan Flanagan, Interim Superintendent
From: Eva N. Rosa
Cc: Board of Education
Date: June 4, 2012
RE: Bilingual Program Update

1. Our last parent workshop for this school year took place on Thursday, May 17th at the Administration Building. The presenter was Mr. Ferney Ramirez. Parents enjoyed and actively participated in activities on the topic of Creating a Positive Family Environment. (Funded by Title III FY12)
2. The last GED placement test took place on Saturday, June 2nd at the Administration Building. Triton College instructional staff administered the test and provided orientation for the GED participants. There are 22 GED prospect students ready to be scheduled for classes. Classes will begin August 2012 at the location determined by the results of the placement test in consultation with the students. (District Initiative)
3. Three (3) ESL summer school programs will take place this summer: ESL classes for children starting kindergarten in August, ESL classes for grades 1-8, and ESL classes for parents. ESL Summer School will be held from June 11th - July 6th at Stevenson School and 3 ESL classes for parents will be held at Jane Addams, Lincoln, Melrose, and Stevenson. (Funded by Title III FY12)
4. There are several professional development classes and workshops taking place this summer: ESL cohort classes through Dominican University, Common Core and English Language Learners- through Dominican University, CLIMBS (Content Language Integration as a Means to Bridging Success) for ELLs class - through Aurora University, and SIOP (Shelter Instruction Observation Protocol) Model Training for ELLs through West 40. (Funded by Title III FY12)