

DIRECTOR OF BILINGUAL SERVICES

MEMO

To: Michael Robey, Superintendent
From: Eva N. Rosa
Cc: Board of Education
Date: March 12, 2013
RE: Bilingual Program Update

1. A bilingual parent workshop took place on Saturday, February 16th. The presenter was Mary D'Anza from Westlake Vanguard Hospital. Parents enjoyed and actively participated in activities on the topic of Healthy Eating Habits. As a follow-up, parents had the opportunity to join and participate in the health program at Westlake Hospital this month. Our next parent workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd at 9:30 a.m.
2. The state ACCESS (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners) test was completed on Friday, February 15th, 2013. An estimate of 1,450 students participated in the testing. The unofficial scoring report will be posted in April on the state IWAS page for demographic corrections.
3. District 89 parents who took the placement test for the GED program last year have been referred to the New Horizon GED program to take advantage of the classes in English and Spanish. The Triton GED program will commence this year as a life skills program which will include the GED program as well as career awareness and job search skills.
4. The committee of bilingual teachers in grades K-3 continues to work on the state WIDA (World-class Instructional Design and Assessment) Spanish Language Arts Standards in order to create a strong alignment to the Common Core Standards and District 89 curriculum maps. The alignment of these standards will facilitate easier and faster transition into the English language and the progression of academic skills from one grade to the next and from district to district.

General Education Development (GED) Program Survey for Parents-Conducted in February 2012

Number of Responses per Question

Below is how parents responded to the questions on the GED survey

Questions	Number of	Responses per	question	
I am interested in the GED Program.	<u>Yes</u> 84 individuals (34 English) (50 Spanish)	<u>No</u> 3		
Time of day most convenient for your GED classes	<u>Mornings</u> 36 (15 English) (21 Spanish)	<u>Afternoons</u> 22 (6 English) (21 Spanish)	<u>Evenings</u> 38 (16 English) (22 Spanish)	

Location most convenient for you.	<u>District</u> 60 (24 English) (36 Spanish)	<u>Triton College Campus</u> 33 (13 English) (14 Spanish)		
Language most convenient for you.	<u>English</u> 34	<u>Spanish</u> 50		
Are you ready to commit to the GED classes for the duration of the entire program and exam?	<u>YES</u> 84			