

To: Superintendent Michael Robey, Ed.D.
From: Eva N. Rosa
Cc: Board of Education
Date: February 1, 2013
RE: Bilingual Program Update

1. The State ACCESS testing window began on Monday, January 7th and concludes on Friday, February 15th. The unofficial results of this test are reported in April and the scoring reports are received in August of the same year.
2. The ESL cohort spring session is well on its way with a good number of pre-school teachers participating as they pursue the state requirement for the ESL endorsement before school year 2014. (Title III Funded)
3. The search for a Bilingual Parent Liaison continues. A team of district personnel which includes; Board members, administrative assistants, principal, district administrator, parent, teacher, and community member, will continue the interviews as applicants submit their applications. Advertising for this position has been extended to all three District 89 communities and agencies and neighboring towns. (Title III Funded)
4. The bilingual/ESL after school tutoring program, in partnership with the districts tutoring program, consists of 13 teachers working with students in K-8 and one student from Sacred Heart Elementary School, our Title III non-public school. The program is presently being held at Emerson, Jane Addams, Lexington, Lincoln, Melrose Park, Roosevelt, and Stevenson. (Title III Funded)
5. A bilingual parent workshop is being planned for Saturday, February 16th on the topic Nutrition and Good Health, as requested by parents. During this workshop, we also plan to assist parents search online health resources. (Title III Funded)