

# ELD/Bilingual/Library Board Report

March 2025

## ESL & Dual Language

ELPA testing is mostly done for the year, with just a few UHS students left to finish up. Now we just have to patiently await the results.

**Newcomers** – Another month, and another newcomer has joined us at UHS and one at MHES. By best estimate, we now have more than 80 newcomers throughout the district.

**Title III Immigrant Grant** – To help us with our many newcomers, last month we applied for, and just last week we were notified of having received a \$150,000 Immigrant/Refugee Student Success Grant. We were planning to use the grant to hire a bilingual graduation specialist, but because of the timeline of the grant, that is no longer possible, and we will have to adjust our plan.

**Dual Language Reset** – As our dual language program nears the end of its 6<sup>th</sup> year, and because we are continually trying to improve it, we have been wrestling with the idea of increasing the amount of instructional time in Spanish, in the early grades. With that question in mind, at our February Dual Language Family Night, we surveyed parents about DL services. The parents showed high support for increasing the amount of Spanish instructional time. We held a DL team meeting on March 6, where these results were discussed, as well as what was learned from school visits and workshops during the OABE conference. From here we plan to go forward with schedule changes next year. Here are our approximate time allotments that we will aim for (based on the 80/20 model at Canby School District):

	Kinder	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Grades 6-8
Spanish	80%	80%	70%	60%	50%	50%	40%
English	20%	20%	30%	40%	50%	50%	60%

## Libraries

**Read Across America Week** – This past week there were activities such as book-buddies, library bingo, guest readers, and many other great reading activities. It was a fun-filled week.

**Battle of the Books** – After a some incredibly competitive matches, on Friday, March 7, a new Battle of the Books champion was crowned at MHES. The team that will represent MHES at the regional tournament is:

### TikTok Rizz Party

Thiago Arellano                                      Victor Espain Moreno  
Jayden De La Cruz Mendoza                      Roczen Ottmar

**Second Place** goes to The Pringles! (Elijah Alaniz, Asher Enkey, Samson Lougee, Fiona Osorio, and Oliver Alarcon Cervantes).

**Third Place** goes to The Gamers (Aubreeana Carlson, Camila De Jesus Coria, Eleanor Hayes, Yadiel Sanchez Martinez, and Jordan Surber).

I have several big upcoming projects that I will be working on. They include the Spring EL Collection for ODE, finalizing the initial CVI Library Collection, and a completely revamped EL Plan (pilot project with ODE).

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

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