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To: Board of Education

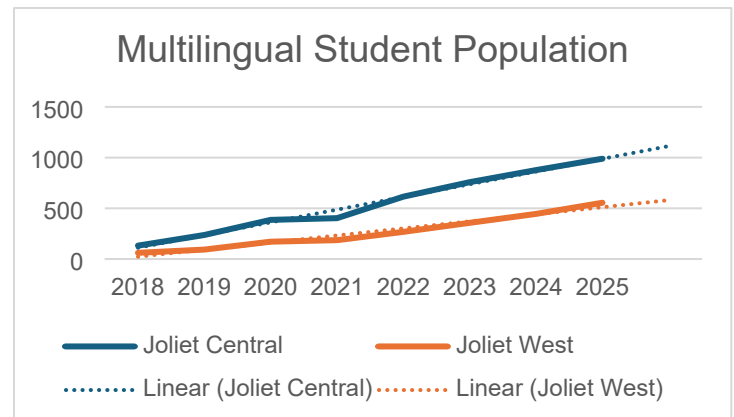
From: Dianne McDonald

Date: January 21, 2025

Re: 2025-2026 Staffing Requests for ELL/Bilingual Program

Currently, there are 1,018 multilingual students at Joliet Central and 568 at Joliet West. Our multilingual family continues to grow, as illustrated by the graph that depicts student enrollment since 2018. Over time, the district has allocated additional FTE to support the growth at both campuses, including the following unique programs/positions:

- ELL/Bilingual Program at both Joliet Central and Joliet West
- Co-taught English Model at both campuses
- Bilingual Social Worker at Joliet Central
- Bilingual Instructional Coach at Joliet Central
- Director of Multilingual Services



To ensure we continue to provide the necessary academic, social-emotional, mental health, and transition support to all our multilingual students, we respectfully request the following FTE additions for the 2025-2026 school year:

- **Social Worker (West Campus, Bilingual):** 1 FTE
- **Instructional Coach (West Campus, Bilingual):** 1 FTE
- **Additional Release Time for ESL Testing Coordinator (Central Campus):** 0.2 FTE

If you have any questions or require further details, please do not hesitate to contact me.