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Dear Parents or Guardians,

The federal requirements of the *Every Student Succeeds ACT (ESSA)* requires that every school district annually administer the *WIDA ACCESS (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State for English Language Learners)* test in order to assess English language proficiency. This test is administered to all students identified as English Learners (ELs). Once students are identified as ELs, school districts are required by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to continue administering the *WIDA ACCESS* test until the students meet the English language proficiency minimum criteria established by the state, which is an overall composite proficiency level of 4.8 on the *WIDA ACCESS* test.

You are receiving this letter because your child is required to take the *WIDA ACCESS* test. Our district's testing window is set to be from January 14 through February 20, 2026 and students will be taking the test during the regular school day. **You will receive specific information about testing dates/times from your child's school.** Students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will complete the test online, while Kindergarten students will participate in the assessment one-on-one with a teacher.

The results of the *WIDA ACCESS* assessment are valuable in guiding instruction and providing additional data to ensure appropriate placement in instructional programs that respond to our students' strengths and needs.

If you have any questions, please use the district tool of Let's Talk and the *ACCESS* tab. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Matthew Raimondi  
Director of Assessment & Accountability

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Griselda Pirtle  
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