December 9, 2020

Dear students,

We are pleased to inform you of Medford Public School’s participation in the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy for the 2020-2021 School Year. The Seal of Biliteracy is for any student in the senior year who demonstrates proficiency in English and another other language, whether they speak the non-English language at home or learned it at school or in the community. The State Seal of Biliteracy aims to:

(a) Encourage students to study and master languages;
(b) Certify attainment of biliteracy skills;
(c) Recognize the value of language diversity;
(d) Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills;
(e) Provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for the attainment of high-level skills in languages;
(f) Prepare students with skills that will benefit them in the labor market and the global society; and
(g) Strengthen intergroup communication and honor the multiple cultures and languages in our community.

In order to earn the Seal of Biliteracy, students must:

(a) Demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English by satisfying one of the following:
   1. Earn a score of 240 or higher on the Grade 10 Legacy ELA MCAS (472 on Next-Gen MCAS)
   or
   2. Earn a score of 220 or higher on the Grade 10 Legacy ELA MCAS (455 on Next-Gen MCAS)

(b) Demonstrate a high level of proficiency in a foreign language through one of the following:
   1. Attaining a minimum score equivalent to Intermediate-High on a state-approved assessment through the AAPPL test aligned with ACTFL standards.

We will be administering the AAPPL Test on **February 22-26, 2021**

**PLEASE FILL IN THE ATTACHED FORM AND RETURN IT TO MS. BIBEAU (C302-2) by December 23, 2020**
Seal of Biliteracy
Intent to Participate
(All interested senior students should fill out)

I have received the information regarding the Seal of Biliteracy offered by the state of Massachusetts. By signing below, I submit my intent to participate in testing to achieve the Seal of Biliteracy from the state of Massachusetts. I understand I will be notified of the testing date and procedures that will occur during the second semester.

*Required

Student Name: (spell clearly)
*Last ______________________________________
*First ________________________________

*Grade: __________ *Student ID (LASID): __________________________

*List the language(s) that you would like to test:
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*How did you learn this language(s)? Check all applied.
Language course ______
Heritage ______
Native ______
Other (explain) ______

Student Signature: ______________________________
Date: __________________________

Please return this notice of Intent to Participate for the Seal of Biliteracy (paper copy) to Ms. Bibeau (C302-2), or an electronic copy to Ms. Bibeau: vbibeau@medford.k12.ma.us by Wednesday, December 23, 2020