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# Lyle School District

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April 5, 2021

Parent Name  
Address

Dear Parent Name:

Your child, (name), is enrolled in a special program to help improve his or her English language skills. This is the English language development (ELD) program.

Federal law requires schools to assess students' English language skills each year they are enrolled in this program. The assessment\* helps the school determine if your child still needs the extra language support provided by the ELD program.

The assessment generally takes 1-2 hours and is conducted here at school during regular school hours. In most years, students are assessed in February or March. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, assessments will take place through June 4, 2021.

We want you to know that taking this assessment does not expose your child to any greater risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus than any other activity at school -- and, as you know, we have been safely teaching students in person at Lyle School since September.

However, parents and guardians have the option of requesting their child not be assessed. If you wish to do this, please go to our website at <https://bit.ly/3dSOrGG> and complete the form to notify us. If we do not receive this form from you, your child's English language skills will be assessed this spring.

Schools must file a report with the federal government and show they have offered the assessment to all students who qualify. We encourage families to allow their child to participate. The assessment gives us information that can help us improve the services we provide your child.

Keep in mind, if your child is not assessed, he or she will continue to be enrolled in the ELD program and receive its services.

Finally, we want to thank you for your partnership with us in helping your child succeed in school. If you have any questions, you may call Jennifer Machado in our school office at 509-365-2211, ext. 120. If you want an interpreter to help you speak with Jen or other school personnel, contact Yeli Boots at 509-310-9589. She will set up a three-way phone call between herself, you and the school staff person and provide interpretation for your meeting.

Thank you,

Lori Smith, Principal

\*This assessment has a very long name: the English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. If you wish to discuss it with us, we call it "ELPA21" for convenience.