Dear Parent or Guardian of an English Language Learner (ELL):

Between **February 3rd and March 31st** , your child will be taking the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA21). This annual test provides information on your student’s increases in English in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The ELPA21 also helps to inform the school’s decision about what kind of ELL services your student needs and provides information about how well Issaquah Public Schools are doing to help students learn to speak, read, write, and understand English. The achievement of these goals is outlined in a yearly state report called “Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives” (AMAO).

All eligible ELL students will be taking this test including students who qualified for ELL services, but whose parents chose to waive them.

We ask that you please consider scheduling doctor and dental appointments outside of the testing window and that your child arrives to school on time.

When the scores for the ELPA21 will be released, you will receive a letter with your child’s profile outlining his/her overall proficiency in English as well as the individual scores for speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Thank you for working with us to ensure your child’s success. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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