April 30, 2015

To the Parents of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

The attached report shows the results of your child’s recent WIDA English proficiency test. This test is a measure of current English language level in the areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening. It is one component in deciding a student’s level of EAL support at SAS. We also meet with classroom teachers to discuss academic progress and to review other assessments, including MAP testing.

Our EAL program operates in an ***EAL*** and ***EAL Plus*** format. **For the 2015 - 2016 school year, your child will receive** support**.**  The two levels of support are outlined below:

***EAL Plus:***

* ***EAL Plus***students attend *EAL Plus* classes as one of their specials for targeted English language instruction instead of global language class.
* The *EAL Plus* class is designed to support language and learning that occurs in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
* The EAL teacher also supports *EAL Plus* students in their core classes.
* *EAL Plus* students are encouraged to attend after-school homework support sessions (H.O.T.) with the EAL teachers.

***EAL:***

* ***EAL*** students attend Global Language classes (Chinese, French, or Spanish) as one of their specials.
* The *EAL* teacher supports *EAL* students in their core classes.
* *EAL* students are encouraged to attend after-school homework support sessions (H.O.T.) with the EAL teachers.

***Monitor:***

* ***Monitor*** students attend Global Language classes (Chinese, French, or Spanish) as one of their specials.
* Students are monitored by their core classroom teachers, who will bring any concerns to the attention of the EAL teacher. Support will be provided if needed.
* Students are exited from the EAL *Monitor* program if no concerns arise.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Our goal is to best support your child in acquiring the language needed to be successful in our demanding academic environment at SAS.

Best regards,

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* *a life long passion for learning*
* *a commitment to act with integrity and compassion and,*
* *the courage to live their dreams*