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Dear Narragansett School Community,

We are excited to announce that the State Board of Education, in conjunction with the state legislature, has approved **Rhode Island's Seal of Biliteracy**. This newly established seal is in line with nearly 30 other states across the country. The designation associated with the seal attest to a student's language ability in both English and a second language. **The Seal of Biliteracy will be affixed to a student's diploma and will also be noted on his/her final transcript, which will be sent to colleges/universities.**

The Seal of Biliteracy is a testament to a student's dedication to building literacy skills in both English and a second language and how it relates to post-secondary education and the workforce. Our vision is to help students recognize the value of their academic success and see the tangible benefits of being bilingual. The Seal of Biliteracy may also help to ensure proper placement in the right level course at the college/university level. Additionally, students may receive college credit for work that they completed in high school; check with individual colleges/universities for specific information about this. Very often the ability to communicate in both English and at least one other language equates to a higher pay rate when student join the workforce.

In order to receive the Seal of Biliteracy students must:

- Be in 10th grade or higher AND
- Complete the English language requirements from a Rhode Island high school where the primary language of instruction is English and receive a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher in those classes AND
- Attain an Intermediate Mid proficiency* rating in a second language.

** Typically, speakers and writers at the Intermediate-Mid level are able to handle a variety of task in everyday social situations. Conversation and writing at this level is generally focused on exchanges necessary for survival in the target culture. These topics may include personal information related to self, family, home, daily activities, interests and personal preferences, as well as physical and social needs, such as food, shopping, travel, and lodging.*

The seal is designed to enhance your child's educational credentials and will not impact your child's graduation status.

Eligibility:

All students in levels 4 and higher are eligible for testing, which will take place in April/May in language classes.

Cost:

Students will be taking the STAMP 4S Assessment. The cost of this test is \$18.00 per student. This year, our pilot year, the cost will be generously covered by the *Narragansett Education Foundation*.

This year, all of our students in AP language classes will be taking the STAMP assessment. In the future, we strongly encourage all students in level 4 and 5 classes to take this assessment as they have been preparing for a proficiency test for real-world applications of the language.

Sincerely,

The Narragansett High School World Languages Department