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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of an ongoing effort to promote and celebrate proficiency in World Languages, the Chelmsford Public School District will continue to offer the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy to our graduating seniors in 2023. A student who meets the requirements will have the State Seal of Biliteracy affixed to their diploma and receive an official letter acknowledging their achievement.

This seal serves to identify students who are proficient in two languages: English and a second language. For universities and employers, it attests to the candidate's high level of communication skills. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has joined 40+ other states in implementing the seal.

To earn the State Seal of Biliteracy, students must demonstrate proficiency in English and a World Language. The English language criteria includes meeting all graduation requirements, and a score of "meeting" or "exceeding" the standard on the ELA Grade 10 MCAS.

In order to meet the World Language requirement for the Seal of Biliteracy, students must receive a score of at least **Intermediate-High** in the domains of reading, writing, speaking, and listening of the ACTFL Proficiency guidelines, published by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. This proficiency is measured through an online exam the school will administer in early 2023. Students can take the exam in a world language they have studied in school or their home language.

We are excited to offer this opportunity for our students and share in their language acquisition success. For more information on the Seal of Biliteracy and how to sign up, please visit our website at: https://chelmsfordschools.org/programs/world-languages/ma-state-seal-of-biliteracy/.

Sincerely,

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