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Dear parents/guardians,

The Office of Multicultural and Global Education (OMGE) would like to provide students an opportunity to demonstrate their progress on bilingualism, biliteracy and multicultural competence. Students will take some or all of the AAPPL, a language proficiency assessment. This assessment represents one way for the student to demonstrate the Spanish language knowledge and skills.

AAPPL is a computer-based assessment of students' interpersonal listening and speaking, presentational writing, and interpretive listening and reading skills. AAPPL test takers receive a separate score for each of the components or mode assessed. AAPPL Measure scores range from Low range of Novice Low (N-1) to Advance Low (A). Details about the test format and content themes can be reviewed at: <http://aappl.actfl.org/>.

Students in 3rd -7th grade will take the interpersonal listening and speaking portion of the test. This will provide a good starting point to see how students are doing with listening and speaking Spanish. They will be taking this test sometime during the window of November 4th through November 29th. It is estimated that the test will take approximately a total of one hour to be completed. Performance reports from AAPPL provide evidence of a learner's language performance and help to set continuous improvement learning goals.

It is important to remind students that both quality and quantity of language are essential elements to consider when taking the assessment. Students should say as much as they can and with as much fluency and accuracy as possible in response to each prompt to receive the highest score. More information about taking the test can be found at <http://aappl.actfl.org/tips>. You may also find information at mmsd.org/aappl.

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