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## **State Seal of Biliteracy Assessments 2022-2023**

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Dear Students and Families of the Classes of 2023 and 2024,

This letter serves to inform you of an opportunity to achieve a <u>State Seal of Biliteracy</u> by taking a language assessment. By achieving the State Seal of Biliteracy, students demonstrate that they can speak, read, comprehend, and write in two (e.g., English and French) or more languages (e.g., English, French, and Chinese) at high levels of proficiency. The State Seal of Biliteracy seeks to:

- Certify attainment of biliteracy;
- Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills;
- Provide universities with a method to recognize and award academic credit to applicants seeking admission; and
- Strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and language of a community.

In order to be eligible for a State Seal of Biliteracy, students must demonstrate proficiency in both English and a language(s) other than English. English proficiency is measured by the language assessment that students use as part of graduation requirements (e.g., NJSLA/PARCC, SAT, ACT, ACCUPLACER, Portfolio).

Proficiency for language(s) other than English will be measured by a <u>STAMP Assessment</u>. The assessment measures the following four language domains: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Assessments will be taken by interested juniors and seniors in January (approximately) and take about 2 hours to complete.

The cost for a STAMP assessment is \$30.00. Please include a check written out to Livingston High School with the slip below and give it to your language teacher (or mail it to Mrs. Marzulla c/o the LHS Main Office) by Wednesday, November 23, 2022 to secure your assessment. The student name should appear on the memo line of the check. Should you have any questions or concerns about the State Seal of Biliteracy or associated fees please reach out to me directly using the email/phone number supplied above. Thank you!

In partnership,		
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Student Name:	Language for Assessment:	
Student email:		
Teacher Name:	Check enclosed: □ Yes	Check Number: