

**PROSPECT PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
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September 2018

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of : _____:

I am pleased to inform you that your child will receive instruction in our district's English as a Second Language Program for the 2018-2019 school year. His/Her eligibility was based on the results of the ACCESS for ELLs/ English Proficiency Test for all grades as applicable as well as the current MAP scores for grades K-2, PARCC results for grades 3-8, and teachers' recommendations for all grades.

The aim of the ESL Program is to help your child develop English language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural awareness. With these skills, your child will feel more comfortable in his/her other classes and will find success with the requirements of other courses he/she is studying. Modifications will be made in other classes so that your child will continue to learn the context of the courses at his/her English proficiency level. With the intensive ESL services, your child should make a smooth transition from his/her native culture to a new learning environment with the assistance of a certified ESL teacher.

The program will occur daily from Monday through Friday for a minimum of 50 minutes in grades 1-8. Students in pre-k and kindergarten will be evaluated, and those in need of services will be placed in the program (with your permission) as well and will receive similar services. If you wish that your child is a participant in this program, you must complete the bottom portion of this letter with your signature and return it by September 30, 2018. If you do not wish that your child participates, I also need this letter signed, and it will be kept on file. If you have any question regarding this letter and the ESL Program, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. The ESL teachers and I look forward to seeing you in November during Parent Conferences to share your child's Individual Student Improvement Plan (ISIP) and discuss the progress he/she makes in ESL class.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 973-790-7909.

Sincerely,
Mrs. A. Angermeyer
Superintendent
Mrs. K. Waibel
ESSA Coordinator

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Dear Mrs. Angermeyer:

_____ Yes, I would like my son/daughter, to receive ESL instruction for the 2018-2019 school year.

_____ No, I do not want my son/daughter, to be enrolled in ESL classes for the 2018-2019 school year.

Sincerely,

Parent Signature