

Macomb Intermediate School District

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Re: ELP Assessment Testing

Dear Parents:

I am writing to inform you of a mandatory assessment (ELPA) that your child will take in April, this spring. The State of Michigan will conduct this annual administration of the statewide English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA). The ELPA will be administered by your child's school to all English language learners/ Limited English Proficient students in grade K-12. The administration dates are March – April, 2008.

Statewide administration of ELPA meets federal assessment requirements for English language learners (ELLs). This will be in compliance with No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation of 2001. The results of this ELP Assessment in conjunction with the other statewide assessments will help schools preparing teaching materials to meet your child's need.

Students will be tested in areas of English speaking, listening, reading, writing and comprehension. Proficiency levels are to include a basic, intermediate and proficient level for each grade level assessed. Assessments are to be based on English language proficiency standards.

If you have any more questions regarding this, please feel free to contact your school principal or me at (586) 228-3481.

Sincerely,

Su McKeithen-Polish, *MISD Bilingual Education Consultant/Title III Director*