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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will be taking the paper-based **ACCESS for ELLs** between January 22, 2024 and March 15, 2024. **ACCESS for ELLs** measures your student's progress in listening, speaking, reading, and writing English language skills. **This year, students in grades 1–12 taking the ACCESS for ELLs will also participate in a paper-based field test that will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.** Later this spring, your student will receive an Individual Student Report that provides information about how well he or she is progressing in the English language.

If you or your student would like to review the materials, paper-based practice tests are available at <https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access/preparing-students/practice>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—If your student is found with ANY electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones and smart phones, at any time during testing OR during breaks, his or her test section will be invalidated, which means it will not be scored. The best practice is for students to leave electronic devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test section (for an appointment, lunch, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete that test section. If your student becomes ill during testing, he or she will be allowed to complete that test section upon returning to school.
- **Testing Accommodations**—Please contact the school to discuss any other testing accommodations that will be provided for your student

To learn more about **ACCESS for ELLs**, a helpful *Parent Handout* is available exclusively online (<http://fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/access-for-ells.shtml>) under Assessment Resources in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Dari, English, French, Haitian Creole, Hmong, Korean, Pashto, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukrainian, Urdu, and Vietnamese. If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact **Jackie Hamilton** at **863-462-5077**.

Thank you for supporting your student as he or she prepares for the test.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Kubit*