Parents and students,

On January 19, 2016, New Jersey became the 15th state to implement a legislated statewide Seal of Biliteracy. By achieving the Seal of Biliteracy, students demonstrate that they are able to speak, read, listen and write in two or more languages at a high level of proficiency. This year, we are proud to announce that students of South Brunswick High School are eligible to apply for the Seal of Biliteracy.

In order for students to be eligible to receive the Seal of Biliteracy, they must meet the following criteria:

- Students must demonstrate a proficiency level of Intermediate Mid in a World Language.
- Students must demonstrate proficiency in English by meeting State high school graduation requirements in English or its alternatives, including through State ELA assessments.

The Seal of Biliteracy seeks to encourage students to study languages, certify attainment of biliteracy, provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills, provide universities with a method to recognize applicants seeking admission, prepare students with 21st century skills, recognize and promote second language instruction in public schools, strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and language of a community.

Families are responsible for all assessment fees associated with the Seal of Biliteracy. In order to demonstrate proficiency at the Intermediate Mid level students will take the AAPPL (The ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages). The assessment will be scheduled after school in February 2018. To find out more about this assessment, please access the link below.

https://www.actfl.org/assessment-professional-development/assessments-the-actfl-testing-office/aappl

Interested students and parents should contact me, Thomas Decker, Supervisor of World Languages for additional details.

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