

# The MELANGE

## Perry Township Schools-EL Newsletter



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### Points of Pride for EL Staff

Southport High School celebrated its first ever Level 5 recognition for the 70 EL students who achieved a level 5 on LAS Links from last spring. The students began by celebrating with cake and refreshments. Then Southport High School Principal Barb Brouwer and Perry Township Administrator Jane Pollard, spoke at the event while the EL staff presented each student with a certificate and a T-shirt. Mike Klopfenstein, SHS SIOP Expert, planned the event and designed the t-shirts and certificates. Assistant Superintendents, Vicki Carpenter and Bob Bohannon were in attendance. What a proud moment for the staff and students at SHS!



### EL Happenings

WIDA testing is coming to a close and schools have pitched in and solved problems as they discovered them. Whether it was getting more teachers involved, scheduling substitutes, or administrators organizing booklets and students! We would like to get your feedback about the test; what worked or didn't work. We have added a group to My Big Campus called WIDA ACCESS. After logging in to My Big Campus, search groups. Once you have found the WIDA ACCESS group, click request to join this group and you will be added as a member.

Clinton Young will be hosting a school visit from Washington Community Schools. A team of teachers, administrators and their assistant superintendent will be observing SIOP strategies and teachers in action.

LAS links placement tests are no longer to be used for identification. W-APT is the only allowable placement test. Please return any LAS Links materials to Janet Nataren or Maria Montiero in the EL office at PTEC.

The [Federal Flexibility Waiver](#) memorandum from IDOE has been added to our website under forms for teachers or you can click on the above link. The chart below outlines how Federal Flexibility may be utilized by schools over several test administration cycles.

Date of Enrollment Examples	ISTEP+ E/LA Assessment Participation					
	2013 - 14		2014 - 15		2015 - 16	
	Applied Skills	Multiple-Choice	ISTEP+ Part 1	ISTEP+ Part 2	ISTEP+ Part 1	ISTEP+ Part 2
February 1, 2014	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
March 2, 2014	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
April 1, 2014	Not Applicable	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
May 5, 2014	Not Applicable	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
May 15, 2014	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No	No	Yes	Yes
September 2, 2014	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No	No	Yes	Yes
February 2, 2015	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No	No	Yes	Yes

### Save the Dates!:

- WIDA testing window closes February 27, 2015. More information coming soon about ....
- \* Spring break training for tutor/translators
- \* Two Cohorts in the Summer for Pearson's SIOP
- \* Summer training for EL Facilitators and EL Teachers
- \* EL Summer School
- \* Level 5 District celebration

### WIDA Links!

WIDA's website offers a plethora of resources and information for educators of ELLs. Below are just two of those resources to give you a glimpse into the world of other educators and what WIDA looks like and feels like for their classrooms.

[Lesson plan share space](#) is a place created for you and other educators who work with ELLs to upload and share the lesson plans you have created that incorporate both content and ELD standards, as well as check out lessons that others have created.

WIDA is looking for lessons that...

- address English Language Development and content area standards
- include language targets or objectives
- differentiate instruction according to students' English language proficiency levels
- offer support for ELLs to access content learning and engage in cognitive challenges

WIDA's Featured Educator is a monthly interview with a classroom, district, or state-level educator on how he or she is making a difference for language learners.

[Read about Enrique Guerrero, February's WIDA Featured Educator.](#)

Click the link below for directions about packaging ACCESS.

[MetriTech has a video of how to package materials](#)

### Learning Corner:

Read January's [press release](#) that the U.S. Departments of Education (ED) and Justice (DOJ) released in joint guidance reminding states, school districts and schools of their obligations under federal law to ensure that English learner students have equal access to a high-quality education and the opportunity to achieve their full academic potential.