

To: Board of Education

From: Leah Wisdom, Assistant Director of Equity and Student Services

Re: ESOL Program Update

Date: September 21, 2017

Background:

Lawrence Public Schools' continues to provide an English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program and provides these services at all levels, PreK-12, in accordance with state and federal guidelines.

At the elementary level, we have two ESOL cluster sites- Hillcrest and Cordley; as well as two neighborhood ESL sites- Schwegler and Sunflower. We serve English Language Learners (ELLs) at all middle schools and high Schools.

Students and families who identify a first language other than English during enrollment are screened using a language assessment (LASLinks) and offered ESOL services if the student qualifies. These services vary and are differentiated based on the needs of the students. Students qualifying for ESOL services are assessed annually as per Kansas State requirement using the K-ELPA (Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment).

Current Report:

The current board report will include the following:

- State and federal guidelines that frame our programming
- Update on ESL student numbers (served and declining)
- Update on ESL staffing, programming and funding
- ESL Leadership team