Dear Dual Language Immersion Spanish and Mandarin Families at Mercer Intl Middle School,

At this time, you need to make a choice about where your son or daughter will attend high school next year. On January 23, 2019, the School Board approved the new Student Assignment Transition Plan, which designates Rainier Beach High School as the Dual Language Immersion High School Pathway for students in the SE Region coming from Mercer International Middle School. That means that your child is guaranteed admission to that school if you select it.

Here is some information to help clarify the process for 8th grade students at Mercer International Middle School in Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Spanish or Mandarin to enroll in high school.

February 4-15, 2019 is the Open Enrollment for School Choice period for Seattle Schools this year. Find forms at https://www.seattleschools.org/admissions/school_choice.

If your child wants to attend their currently assigned high school (this is based on your home address; most students from Mercer are assigned to Franklin High School):
- You do NOT need to submit any forms. To check your currently assigned school, use our Assignment Lookup Tool http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=14242.

If your child wants to attend a different high school, such as Rainier Beach High School (the new SE Dual Language Immersion High School Pathway) or Cleveland STEM High School:
- You need to submit the School Choice form available on the Open Enrollment and School Choice page https://www.seattleschools.org/admissions/school_choice. Indicate that high school as your first choice. Submit the form by February 15, 2019 when Open Enrollment ends.

We are working with the three high schools near Mercer International Middle School to offer Spanish and Mandarin classes that will be engaging and challenging for the DLI students who choose to attend them. We will send more information to families about specific course offerings at the various high schools in the near future.

Sincerely,

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