

DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM Update

Defining Key Program Elements

Choice Program

- ▶ Open to students of different backgrounds & abilities
- ▶ *Program of Choice*
 - ▶ Serves both English & Spanish learners
 - ▶ Enrollment is optional
 - ▶ English-only classrooms still an excellent choice

Cohort Size

- Continued enrollment is critical
- Begin with a large enough cohort
- Start with two classrooms beginning with Kindergarten only 2018-19
- Advance one additional grade level with each consecutive year

Balanced Classes

- ▶ Approximately equal numbers of native English speaking students and native Spanish speaking students

50/50 Language Model

- Students will become bilingual & biliterate
 - Learn to read, write & speak in English & Spanish beginning in Kindergarten
- ▶ Math, Music, Art, PE, and Technology – English
 - ▶ Reading, Writing, Social Studies, and Science – English & Spanish

Enrollment

- ▶ Complete and submit an application form
 - ▶ In district applicants first priority
 - ▶ Followed by out of district transfer requests if seats are available
- ▶ When the number of applicants exceeds program capacity
 - ▶ Lottery drawing will determine the order of placement into program
 - ▶ If not selected, student will be placed on a wait list and added to program as space permits
 - ▶ Wait-list will not carry over from year-to-year
- ▶ Once admitted to the program, retain placement rights from year-to-year