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WIDA ACCESS Testing Notification Letter

You are receiving this letter because your student is an English Learner (EL) and receives English Language Development (ELD) services in Phoenixville Area School District.

Per federal and state requirements, all students who receive ELD services must complete an assessment in listening, reading, writing, and speaking called the ACCESS for ELLs assessment. Your student will participate in this assessment sometime during the time period of January 4, 2021 through March 19, 2021. All students are required to participate regardless of their current method of instruction (hybrid or virtual). If there are any issues that the school needs to know about that would prohibit your student from taking this assessment, please reach out to your building principal.

Ways parents/guardians can help students do their best on the ACCESS for ELLs assessment:

- 1) Ensure that your student gets a good night's sleep the night before testing, attends school, and eats breakfast on the days of testing.
- 2) Remind your child to ask the teacher questions if he/she does not understand the test directions.
- 3) Advise your student not to worry about the test and to just do the best he/she can.

You and your student will receive more specific information about WIDA testing from your child's ELD teacher. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us meet this requirement. If you have questions about the ACCESS for ELLs assessment, please contact your student's ELD teacher.

Sincerely,

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