



English Learners  
Parent Advisory Council

EL-PAC

Wednesday, October 16, 2019





WELCOME

Parents and Schools  
as Partners



# EL-PAC Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome/Introductions
  - II. DESE EL-PAC Requirement for Districts
  - III. 2019-20 Meeting Calendar
  - IV. Icebreaker Activity
  - V. Breakout Groups: Recipe for Successful Students
  - VI. Next Meeting: January 22, 2020
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# WHO?



- PARENTS
  - TEACHERS
  - ADMINISTRATORS



# WHY?

- To increase communication between Westfield Public Schools and home
  - To become part of the school community
  - To support your child in social and academic growth
  - To share your culture and expertise
  - To help us make beneficial changes to improve the EL Program
  - To increase opportunities for the school and children
  - To lead by example
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# WHEN?

3 Times This School Year:

October 16, 2019

January 22, 2020

April 1, 2020





# WHAT?

Engage families and foster a welcoming culture

Build effective communication



Empower families as partners

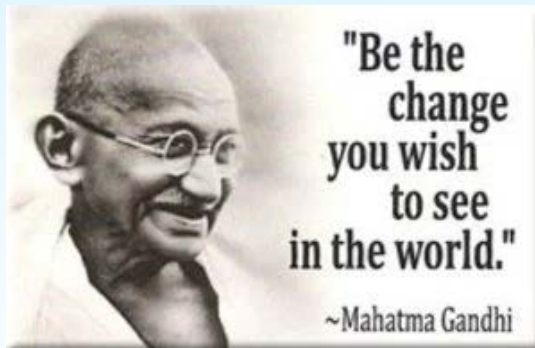
Promote cultural competency



Involve families in decision-making



**You must be the change  
you wish to see  
in the world**





# Introductions

(English) Hello! My name is \_\_\_\_\_. (English)

(Arabic) "مرحباً اسمي محمد مصطفى البياتي"

(Nepali) नमस्ते! मेरो नाम \_\_\_\_\_ हो ।





(Spanish) Hola! Mi nombre es \_\_\_\_\_.

(Russian) Здравствуйте. Меня зовут \_\_\_\_\_.





# Parents and Schools as Partners

- Be active and involved with schools
    - Open House
    - Parent/Teacher Conferences
    - Concerts
    - Picnics
  - Contact schools and teachers with questions/concerns
  - Join the Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs) and other school councils
  - Join Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS)
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# Recipe for Successful Students



Good Attendance

Follow Classroom Rules

Communication

Participation – Active Learners

Manage Time

Driven By Goals

Enthusiasm





## 2019-20 English Learner Education Department

School	Bilingual Paraprofessionals	Language	ESL Teachers
Highland 572-6428	<u>Nelly Dashevsky</u>	Russian/Ukrainian	Claire Howard (1/2 Time)
	<u>Goma Bhujel</u>	Nepali	Patricia <u>Wysocki</u>
	<u>Leida Sanabria</u>	Spanish	Sheryl <u>Yelle</u>
<u>Munger Hill</u> 572-6520	<u>Elena Slivca</u>	Russian	Debra Horton
	Alicia Booth	Spanish	Claire Howard (1/2 Time)
			Jennifer <u>Perchak</u>
Westfield Intermediate 572-6442			Jessica <u>Pyzocha</u>
			Christine <u>Vedovelli-Peterson</u>
Westfield Middle School 568-1900	Liz-Marie Jimenez-Diaz	Spanish	Anna <u>Antropova</u>
			Emily Humphrey
WHS 572-6463	<u>Mohammed Al-Bayata</u>	Arabic	Diana Baranowski
			Matthew Morin (1/2 Time)
			Lea Virginia Winters
WTA 572-6533			Matthew Morin (1/2 Time)

District Positions			
Name	Position	Present Location Assignment	Office Number
Denise Ruszala	Director of Assessment & Accountability	Central Office	642-9320
Susan Moore	EL Coach	Westfield Intermediate School	642-9320
<u>Axia Rivera</u>	Tutor/Translator Spanish	Westfield Intermediate School	572-6442
Svetlana Adamtseva	Tutor Translator Russian/Ukrainian	Highland	572-6428



# Next EL-PAC Meeting – January 22, 2020

- Understanding State Assessments
    - MCAS and ACCESS
    - Testing Schedule
    - Test-taking Strategies
    - Parent/Guardian Reports – Assessment Results
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Any  
Questions?



Thank you for coming!

