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ELL Identification Step 1: New Jersey Home-Language Survey

Dear Parents/Guardians,


Welcome to Somerdale, home of the Cavaliers! The Home-Language Survey (HLS) is the first of three steps to identify whether or not a student may be eligible to be classified as an English language learner (ELL). Fill out your child’s information, then start with “Question 1” and continue until the Home-Language Survey is complete. Select the answer for each question and follow the directions.

Student Information
Student Name:
Address:
Date of Birth:
Phone Number:

Question 1: What was the first language used by the student? (Circle your answer)			
Language other than English		English	
If language other than English, continue to Question 2a.		If English, continue to Question 2b.	
Question 2a: At home, does this student hear or use a language other than English more than half of the time? Yes _____ No _____		Question 2b: At home, does this student hear or use a language other than English more than half of the time? Yes _____ No _____	
If yes, list home language(s) spoken:	If no, continue to Question 4.	If yes, continue to Question 4.	If no, continue to Question 3.
Question 3: Does the student understand a language other than English?			
Yes _____		No _____	
If yes, continue to Question 4. Turn to the next page.	If no, survey is complete.		

Question 4: When interacting with his/her parents or guardians, does this student use a language other than English more than half of the time?	
Yes _____	No _____
If yes, list language(s) spoken:	If no, continue to Question 5.
Question 5: When interacting with caregivers other than their parents or guardians, does this student use a language other than English more than half of the time?	
Yes _____	No: _____
If yes, list language(s) spoken:	If no, continue to Question 6.
Question 6: Has this student recently moved from another school district where he/she was identified as an English language learner?	
Yes _____	No _____
If yes, list home language(s) spoken:	If no, survey is complete.

Thank you for your participation. Your truthful answers will help us provide your child with the most appropriate learning environment. Go Cavs!

Sincerely,

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