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Dear Parents,

For the past two school years, a committee of teachers, administrators, and Board of Education members has been reviewing all of our services for students with advanced needs and making decisions regarding the future of our programs. You may remember that we began this process last fall by having parents and staff complete surveys on their past experiences with our advanced programming. Combined with many other pieces of data and a study of best practices in this area, we are very pleased with the progress and decisions this committee has made thus far.

While there is still more work to be done, we are happy to share with you at this time that we have made some changes to our process for student qualification into our Advanced Math and Advanced Language Arts programs, and we wanted to make you aware of these changes before the process begins in January to place students for next fall. Besides overhauled matrices for placement and more factors utilized in qualification, the new process now also includes teacher input and will allow more opportunities for students to have their needs met by our advanced programs.

All the information regarding the process for qualifying for advanced classes can be found on the following pages of our website:

[Advanced Math Web page](https://www.sd25.org/Page/1230) (https://www.sd25.org/Page/1230)

[Advanced Language Arts Web page](https://www.sd25.org/Page/1229) (https://www.sd25.org/Page/1229)

For those parents who may have participated in the process for qualification into advanced classes in the past, please know that one additional change is that parents are no longer required to “sign up” to have their children considered for advanced classes in latter years. The district’s Department of Student Learning will automatically screen students and notify parents when students have qualified for additional measures that may result in placement into one of the advanced classes. After visiting the above webpages, should you still have questions, please reach out to the following contacts:

Advanced Math – Mrs. Kristin Williams at kwilliams@sd25.org or 847-228-2069

Advanced Language Arts – Mrs. Sharon Nelles at snelles@sd25.org or 847-228-2081



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We will continue to update you with new information regarding advanced opportunities as they develop. Should you have any questions not related to Advanced Math or Advanced Language Arts, feel free to reach out me at any time at eolson@sd25.org or 847-758-4890.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eric Olson'.

Dr. Eric Olson
Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning