



Our **vision** is to provide high-quality educational opportunities that inspire a community of learners

WELLNESS • EQUITY • ENGAGEMENT

Our **mission** is to develop engaged, well-balanced learners through collaborative, caring relationships

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You are receiving this letter because you are the parent or guardian of a student who is currently receiving services as an English learner (EL) or who is being monitored as a Former English learner (FEL).

Collaborative partnerships among schools, families, and community organizations are crucial to student engagement and success. One way for schools to form partnerships with parents and guardians of English Learners (ELs) is to establish English Learner Parent Advisory Councils (EL-PACs) to promote and support the success of ELs.

The "Act Relative to Language Opportunity for Our Kids," commonly referred to as the "LOOK Act," was signed into law by Governor Baker on November 22, 2017. The LOOK Act requires ABRSD to establish an ELPAC because we operate a language acquisition program for more than 100 ELs (we are at nearly 300 right now and growing).

Annually, the District is required to notify parents in writing of the opportunity to participate in the EL-PAC. EL-PAC membership is voluntary and is open to all parents of students identified or previously identified as ELs.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our ABRSD EL-PAC, please email our English Language Education Department Chairperson, Maryann Young, at myoung@abschools.org.

For more information on the EL-PAC (translated into multiple languages), please visit the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) website and click on this link: **English Learners' Parent Advisory Councils** and read more under **EL-PAC Information for Parents** and **Guidance for English Learner Parent Advisory Councils**.

Thank you for your time!