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## Alamo Heights Independent School District

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Dear Parents of Spanish Immersion Students:

Action Required by: February 8, 2019 no later than 4:30 p.m.

AHISD is preparing to conduct information sessions for the lottery for the 2019-2020 First Grade Spanish Immersion classes. Before these sessions are held, it is important to know how many immersion siblings are eligible for the classes. Therefore, if you have a child who is currently enrolled in Kindergarten at Howard Early Childhood Center, will be an AHISD first grader in 2019-2020, and you wish to enroll him/her in the immersion program, please return the enclosed form to the Curriculum Office no later than February 8, 2019. Siblings of current immersion students will be automatically accepted into the 2019-2020 first grade class providing the application form is received in the curriculum office no later than February 8, 2019. If the sibling application form is not received by February 8, 2019 and you would still like for your child to participate in either the Dual Language or Spanish Immersion program, you must participate in the lottery.

As you know, Alamo Heights has a class size waiver from the Texas Education Agency, which allows us to place up to 26 students in the first grade Spanish Immersion classes. We have found that attrition in the Alamo Heights immersion classes is less than the national average. Current enrollment is as follows:

Campus	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	TOTALS
Cambridge	48	46	39	35	34	202
Woodridge	46	43	35	39	39	202
				Total Immersion Grades 1-5		404

During the 2011-2012 school year, AHISD implemented a Dual Language program for our English Language Learners as well as other English speaking students who would like to participate. If you would like for your child to participate in the Dual Language program <u>instead</u> of the Spanish Immersion program next year, you must participate in the lottery for the Dual Language program. This means you must attend the information sessions for the Dual Language and Spanish Immersion programs on Tuesday, April 2 or Thursday, April 4, 2019 in the Howard ECC Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m.

You can still turn in this form and reserve a space in the Spanish Immersion classroom prior to the lottery since the Spanish Immersion sibling policy affords you that opportunity. Then, if your child does not get selected for the Dual Language Program, you will still be eligible for the Spanish Immersion classroom space.

Again, the attached Sibling Application/Commitment form is due to the Curriculum office no later than 4:30 PM on February 8, 2019 to reserve your space in the Spanish Immersion classroom. You will receive an email indicating receipt of this form. If you do not receive an email prior to the deadline, I recommend you call my office at (210) 832-5954.

Thank you for your continued support of the immersion program. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the campus administrators, or me with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures—Application Form and Timeline