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Dear Parents,

The Berryessa Union School District is in the second year of implementation of our English Language Development program as part of English Language Arts this school year. The program focuses on meeting the needs of all students by targeting instruction.

The reason for this addition to our English Language Arts Program is based on the following criteria:

1. The Federal Government requires that all English Learners receive English Language Development instruction.
2. Two years ago, the Office of Civil Rights found that Berryessa Union School District was out of compliance in this area and is requiring this implementation and monitoring it.
3. The English Language Development instruction is a required part of the English Language Arts program for English learners.

The purpose of ELD instruction is to accelerate our English learner's progress towards meeting the regular English Language Arts Standards. During the ELD time, our English only students are working on the listening, speaking and writing areas of the state and district English Language Arts Standards. We are very pleased to report that after just one year of implementation, we have 6% more of our English Learner subgroup scoring at or above proficient in English Language.

Berryessa teachers have received training to support the success of this implementation. Monitoring of student placement and progress is ongoing throughout the school year. We believe that this required focus will ensure that all students will receive instruction that is aligned to their needs and maximizes their abilities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Ed Services Department at 923-1828.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Superintendent

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