

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** West Virginia Teachers

**FROM:** Melanie Purkey, Executive Director *MP*  
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**DATE:** January 12, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Participation in the ELPA 21 Field Testing (New English Language Proficiency Assessment)

As part of the Title III requirements of *No Child Left Behind* and West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2417, each county is required to administer an annual assessment of English proficiency to all English Language Learner students. Currently, West Virginia is part of the ELPA 21 Consortium (English Language Proficiency Assessment for 21<sup>st</sup> Century), which is developing a new English Language Proficiency Assessment to measure English language learners' mastery of the communication demands of the state's rigorous academic standards. The ELPA 21 field testing will be administered during the testing window of February 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 13, 2015. Please note that this field testing may include English Only students as a part of the sample.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

is participating in the ELPA21 Field Testing today, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Date

Time released from testing: \_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore, please excuse this student's absence from your class and do not penalize him/her.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.