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Dear Lakeland High School Students & Parents,

Huron Valley Schools is pleased to announce that our students have the opportunity to obtain a **Michigan Seal of Biliteracy** on their high school diploma. According to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), the Michigan Seal of Biliteracy has been created ***“to recognize our high school graduates who exhibit language proficiency in English and at least one additional world language.”*** This Seal is awarded in many states and the District of Columbia. The Seal will provide employers with a way to identify individuals with strong language and biliteracy skills. The Seal may also serve as an additional tool for colleges and universities to recognize applicants’ language abilities for admission and placement.

To meet the requirements for a Michigan Seal of Biliteracy, an LHS student must:

1. Meet HVS graduation requirements
2. Demonstrate *“Intermediate High”* proficiency on a commercial assessment. Huron Valley Schools will be using the STAMP 4S assessment that has been recommended by Oakland Schools. This assessment is \$10 and will be the responsibility of the student. Students will be able to pay for this test on [e~Funds](#). Students can sign up to take the STAMP 4S on the following dates:
 - o **Current Seniors (Class of 2020)**
 - December 10, 2019 7:16 am
 - March 16-27, 2020 (retest window)
 - o **Current Juniors (Class of 2021)**
 - December 2020
 - March 2021 (retest window)

Lakeland High School and Huron Valley Schools are excited for this student opportunity. We recognize the importance of providing our students with the necessary skills to compete in a competitive and changing global workforce. For more information on the Michigan Seal of Biliteracy, please click [here](#) and consult with your school counselor. If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact us.

Thank you,

Paul Gmelin
Lakeland High School
Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Martin Lindberg'.

Martin Lindberg, Ed.S.
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