



DEPEW UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEPEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear 6th Grade Parent/Guardian:

This fall, your child will begin our two-year instructional program in Languages Other Than English (LOTE). In 7th and 8th grade, LOTE is taught on an everyday basis. Should all requirements be met, your child will be awarded one high school Regents credit for LOTE.

Our school offers two Languages Other Than English: French and Spanish. Both of these languages are spoken widely throughout the United States. We would like to give students the opportunity to choose between the two. However, we have limited space in both languages.

Please discuss this choice with your child and return the bottom portion of this sheet indicating your child's LOTE preference to our DMS Counseling Center beginning the week of March 9th. Please understand the number of seats is limited. Requests will be honored on a first come first served basis until seats are full. All letters are mailed at the same exact time. When letters are collected, they are date and time stamped.

While we will make every effort to accommodate all requests that are submitted; please understand that situations may arise when this is not possible. All LOTE requests will ultimately be determined by administration based upon student scheduling needs. Any student who doesn't return a LOTE request can be placed in the remaining space available in either language.

Ms. Westfield has met with our 6th graders during the week of March 2nd to discuss the 6th to 7th grade transition. Topics covered were; how 6th grade is similar to and different from 7th grade, LOTE & Music choices, schedules, Literacy Support & Math AIS, Honors classes & selection, sports and how to effectively utilize the academic time remaining.

Please feel free to contact your child's School Counselor, Ms. Westfield, to discuss any of the aforementioned topics at 686-5054.

Respectfully,

Mr. James Lupini
Principal

Please Cut Here and Return – Requests are due by Friday, March 20th.

My child, _____ and I have discussed DMS's LOTE options.

(Check preference below)

_____ French

_____ Spanish

Parent's signature _____ Phone number _____

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Date returned: _____ Time: _____ Initials: _____