

August 26, 2010

Dear Parents,

The recent passage of the Jobs Bill was discussed at the Board of Education meeting on August 26, 2010. The passage of this bill may impact staffing at Tolland Middle School, as well as the other schools in the district. At Tolland Middle School, it may allow us to bring back a World Language teacher, and therefore, allow us to offer French and Spanish to 7th and 8th graders as an elective. The Tolland Board of Education has tentatively approved the use of funds for this purpose pending the remaining federal approval process.

As a result, I am writing to ask you if you would like your son or daughter to receive World Language instruction, should the federal approval process make this possible. The French or Spanish classes would be lieu of your child's current Unified Arts class (Music, Chorus, Technology, Art, etc.). Students who take this World Language elective will not be able to participate in these Unified Arts classes. The World Language classes will meet every other day, with Physical Education classes one day, and World Language the next.

The approval process, and subsequent hiring of a World Language teacher, could take a month or more to complete. This will mean that should you return the form below indicating that you want your child enrolled in the French or Spanish class, this change may not occur for a month or more and your child will be pulled out of the Unified Arts class at that time.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the potential World Language elective, please return the form below.

Thank you,



Walter Willett, Ph.D.

Please return this form by Friday, September 10, 2010.

Please enroll my child, _____, in the World Language elective.

(Child's Printed Name)

He/she would like to take FRENCH SPANISH

(Please indicate one)

(Parent/Guardian's Signature)