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The New York State Education Department (NYSED), Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages (OBEWL) is pleased to announce the approval of the New York State Seal of Biliteracy by the NYSED Board of Regents on Monday, April 18th.

The New York State Seal of Biliteracy recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages, in addition to English and acknowledges the importance of being bilingual in today's global society. It highlights the hard work and achievement of students, and encourages students to pursue language study while in school. The recognition of attaining biliteracy becomes part of the high school transcript and diploma for these students and is a statement of accomplishment for future employers and for college admission.

Guidance on the Seal of Biliteracy implementation for districts and schools throughout the New York state is enclosed. We are very excited to introduce this program to educators, students and communities statewide, and look forward to working with you as we recognize the biliteracy skills of our high school graduates with a New York State Seal of Biliteracy.

Please feel free to contact Ricardo Constantino at Ricardo.Constantino@nysed.gov or (518) 474-8775 should you require support or have any questions regarding the implementation of the Seal of Biliteracy in your district or school. For additional information, visit the New York State Seal of Biliteracy web page at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/biling/bilinged/NewYorkStateSealofBiliteracy.html>.

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