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Dear Parents and Guardians,

You are receiving this letter because your child is currently taking a World Language Level 1B/Level 1 (Spanish, Italian or French) course this school year, a class required for graduation. Therefore, your child must pass the final exam in June in order to receive one high school World Language credit.

In the past, the state required students to pass the NYS World Language Proficiency exam in June. However, the World Language Proficiency exam was eliminated several years ago. As a result, many school districts in the state, including ours, have adopted the FLACS exam. The FLACS exam, also administered in June, mirrors the structure and assessment style of the NYS Proficiency exam. Your child has been preparing for this exam in class with his or her teacher in a number of ways throughout the school year. The FLACS exam is similar to the midterm exam that was taken in January; it assesses all four elements of learning a language: speaking, listening, reading and writing.

The speaking portion of the FLACS exam will begin in April and end in June. Over the course of these three months, teachers will be reviewing and administering the one-on-one speaking portion of the exam. This speaking assessment will occur individually as well as outside of the classroom.

The Checkpoint A FLACS written exam for the Level 1B/Level 1 students is scheduled for June 18, which falls during the two week Pearl River High School final exam schedule. On this day, the students will be given two hours to complete the listening, reading and writing sections of the exam.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's World Language teacher or guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

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