Reclassification of English Learners Parent Information Letter: Grade 6-9

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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Based on the CELDT _________________________________ was given upon entering the San Francisco Unified School District, s/he was identified as an English Learner. _________________________________ is now ready to be reclassified as Fluent English Proficient based on the following criteria (see attached form):

- Overall proficiency level of 4 (Early Advanced) or 5 (Advanced) on the CELDT, with subscores of 3 (Intermediate) or higher
- Score of Mid-Basic (325) on the California Standards Test – English Language Arts (CST-ELA) or Score of Basic (300 – 324) on the California Standards Test – English Language Arts with teacher verification that the score is not due to English language acquisition issues
- Teacher Evaluation
- Parent/Guardian consultation/notification

Part of the reclassification process also includes your opinion. If you would like to attend a special meeting to discuss the reclassification process and the recommended program for your child, please also feel free to contact _________________________________ at __________________ to set up a meeting.

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