Dear Peirce Parents,

Welcome to Peirce! One of the first documents you will encounter as you are registering your child is the **Home Language Survey**. The State of Illinois requires Chicago Public Schools to collect a **Home Language Survey** for every new student. This information is used to count the students whose families speak another language at home. It also helps identify Peirce students that need to be assessed for English language proficiency.

If the answer to either question on the **Home Language Survey** is yes, the law requires the school to assess your child’s English language proficiency. The state of Illinois uses a screener by the WIDA Consortium to measure a student’s English language proficiency in order to determine English Language Learners and their program placement. Students who are assessed by this screener will also be required to take the ACCESS Test, which is an annual assessment to monitor language proficiency and to continue to determine program placement.

If you have more questions about the Home Language Survey, please ask Ms. Carro or Ms. Suarez in the office to connect you with Joshua Lerner, the English Language Program Teacher.

Thank you!