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TO:

Dr. Jesse Bacon, Superintendent

FROM:

Dr. Adrienne Usher, Assistant Superintendent

DATE:

April 17, 2025

RE:

Changes in KSA Testing

Recent changes in state and federal regulations require districts to update how we support English Learner (EL) students during state assessments. In accordance with 703 KAR 5:070 (Inclusion of Special Populations) and 703 KAR 5:080 (Administration Code for Kentucky's Educational Assessment Program), as well as federal laws such as Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the use of non-approved translation tools, including Google Translate or other artificial intelligence-based platforms, is strictly prohibited during any state assessment.

These Al-based tools do not meet the validity, reliability, or security standards required for state assessments and may compromise the accuracy and fairness of results. To maintain the integrity of the assessment process and ensure compliance, all language interpretation and translation services must be provided by qualified human interpreters.

All oral language supports must be aligned with each student's individual language needs, clearly documented in the student's Program Services Plan (PSP), and provided by trained individuals who meet the qualifications outlined by the Kentucky Department of Education.

Implementing these changes will require additional resources, including the hiring and training of qualified interpreters. However, this is a necessary and important step to ensure that all EL students receive equitable and legally compliant support during assessments.

Quotes are attached for in-person interpreters. The total cost is \$3,870.00 and will be funded through EL and SLD budgets. The contract has been reviewed by Dinsmore & Shohl, Inc.

Catholic Charities of Louisville Language Services

QUOTE

April 15, 2025

435 E. Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
Phone: 502-637-9786
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CATHOLIC CHARITIES
OF LOUISVILLE, INC.
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Customer

Jeff Walker

Bullitt County Public Schools

Quote valid until:

May 15, 2025

| Service - Description | Target Language | Hourly Rate | Amount |
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| Onsite Interpreter Service Day 1 - 2 hours Day 2 - 4 hours | Mandarin 9 | \$55.00 | \$495.00 |
| Day 3 - 3 hours | | | |
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Terms and Conditions

Hours worked after 6:00 pm are subject to an additional fee of \$10/hr. Service invoices are generated monthly and sent electronically.

Total

\$495.00

For additional information about translation and interpreting services, contact Language Services at 502-637-9786 • www.languagecclou.org • Isadmin@archlou.org

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."

- Nelson Mandela

Bill To

Jeff Walker Bullitt County Public Schools KY

United States

Ship To

Jeff Walker Bullitt County Public Schools

United States

TOTAL

\$3,375.00

Tax (0%)

Total

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| | Zoneton Middle School Language: Spanish Interpreter: TBD Training: 2 hours Testing: 24 hours Total hours: 26 | | | | | |
| | North Bullitt High School Language: Hindi Interpreter: TBD Training: 2 hours Testing: 7.5 hours Total hours: 9.5 | | | | | |
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