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Dear NSD Families and Staff:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the family members who attended the Board meeting last Tuesday evening at Fairgrounds Middle School. The meeting allowed the US Department of Justice (DOJ) to report on the 2021 agreement between the Nashua School District and the DOJ. In addition, the visiting members of the DOJ Civil Rights Division visited several schools and met with many members of the NSD administrative and teaching teams over the course of the four-day visit.

The meeting attendance speaks to the great connections our schools have with the families of our ELL students. Participation in the meeting and the follow-up discussions with the DOJ will go a long way to support progress in our work.

I want to be sure to thank Adriana Castrillon Reyes, our ELL Communications Coordinator, and the Family Engagement Coordinators for efforts at outreach, not only last week but also all year long. I also want to thank Robert Cioppa and Danielle Boutin, NSD ELL Director and Assistant Director, who are leading the reform efforts.

As you may recall from the initial NSD/DOJ announcement in 2021, seven areas of remediation were identified as part of the agreement and, since then the school district is progressing in its efforts to

- provide sufficient ELL services to all of our ELL students
- provide sufficient ELL certified teachers to staff the ELL program
- provide meaningful access to core content instruction for ELL students
- provide training to principals so they can adequately evaluate teachers of ELLs
- provide sufficient curricula to implement the ELL program
- communicate more effectively with ELL parents
- adequately evaluate the efficacy of the ELL program.

Once again, thank you to all our ELL families and staff who are working to strengthen our ELL program and how we teach all students. We are focused on teaching students to read, write, and speak well so they can fully participate in class, achieve academic success, and fulfill their great potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mario Andrade'.

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