

**BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NEW YORK STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY**  
**English Culminating Project**

**Theme:** The importance of bi/multilingualism

**Objective:** To explain why it is important to speak more than one language

**Timeline:** Candidates will work with their assigned advisors to review the timeline and process for completing the culminating project.

**Procedure:** Candidates must follow the steps and requirements listed below to complete their individual projects:

- Meet with your advisor to discuss the culminating project
- Work independently to complete the essay

**Writing Situation:** In an essay of approximately 300 words, please explain why it is important to know more than one language.

**Directions for Writing:** Explain why it is important to know more than one language. You can use personal and/or researched information to complete your essay. If you use outside sources, please be sure to cite them using MLA format. Your essay should be typed, doubled spaced, and approximately 300 words.

- Consult with your advisor during the essay writing process to ensure the topic is covered sufficiently
  - Develop the oral presentation component of the project with guidance from your advisor.
  - Submit your final project and schedule your presentation with the review panel.
- The oral presentation will be a formal conversation between the panel and the candidate that will be based on but not limited to the reflection questions below:
    - 1) Explain why multilingualism is important
    - 2) What have you learned from participating in the Seal of Biliteracy process?