



**EAST AURORA**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

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Date: May 18, 2026  
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools  
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education  
From: Dr. Rita Guzman, Executive Director Language Acquisition  
Subject: SY26-27 Support Proposal with Dr. Sandra Mercuri Consultant (Dr. Vivian Pratts)

**Issue:**

Dual Language Staff and Administrators requested and required additional opportunity to receive meaningful feedback based on classroom observations and to participate in coaching cycles from field experts in order to lead high achieving dual language programs and create sustainable, rigorous school improvement action plans.

**Justification:**

Dr. Sandra Mercuri's consulting agency will be able to provide quarterly in-person learning opportunities for Dual Language administrators (all k-5 sites), including observations, feedback, and data reviews.

**Board Policy:**

**6:15 School Accountability-** The Board continuously monitors student achievement and the quality of the District's work. The Superintendent shall supervise the following quality assurance components, in accordance with State law and ISBE rules, and continuously keep the Board informed: If applicable, develop District and School Improvement Plans, present them for Board approval, and supervise their implementation.

**Past Practice:**

Dr. Mercuri and her team have served as training consultants for East Aurora School District 131 since 2019.

**Strategic Plan:**

This proposal supports Goal 1 Education Equity, Goal #3 Collaborative Leadership, and Goal #4 Student Achievement of the Strategic Plan

**Data:**

Dr. Mercuri's team will work with elementary building administrators to better service nearly 5,000 students.

**Cost:**

The cost of these services will not exceed \$70,000. These services will be paid for from Title III funds.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the proposed 20 days of services from Dr. Sandra Mercuri and Consultants at the projected cost of \$70,000.

**Timeline for Decision:**

June 1, 2026

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