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Dear Schodack Families:

You are receiving this letter as you have a child(ren) currently enrolled in our Mandarin Chinese program. I am writing to let you know that the Board of Education will consider taking action at its June 14 meeting to eliminate Mandarin Chinese as a future course offering due to the low enrollment in the program.

If the Board approves this plan, the Mandarin Chinese program will be phased out over the next two years to allow those students committed to the sequence to fulfill their graduation requirements. As such, Mandarin Chinese II and Mandarin Chinese III would be the only two courses offered in this subject area to our students next year. Any student that selected Intro to Chinese, Mandarin Chinese I, or Mandarin Chinese IV for their foreign language course offering for next year would be contacted to revise their schedule for next year.

The Board recognizes the significant impact that the learning of a foreign language has on the overall academic experience of our students. It also understands that the academic program being offered should provide students with choices that suit their interest to the best extent possible. Student interest in the Mandarin Chinese program is presently quite limited, making it a difficult program to support financially moving into the future. The district will take the opportunity to reexamine its course offerings during the 2018-2019 school year and will look to phase in a new language offering for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you have any questions regarding your child's program do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Hebert or Mrs. O'Leary in the Guidance Office or to Ms. Hill directly. As always, please know that I am available to answer questions or to discuss your concerns.

Sincerely,

Jason M. Chevrier
Superintendent