**Talking points**

 **Description of seal.** See document on Seal of Biliteracy. We can use Indiana and Illinois as a resource in setting ours up.

**Reasons for the Seal of Biliteracy and to be biliterate**

1. Natural progression for Ohio.  We have moved to proficiency based teaching and assessment in recent years.
2. Ohio is currently a leader in foreign language teaching.  We are admired throughout the US.  We need to also be in the forefront of the Seal of Biliteracy.
3. 13 states already have it.  See document.
4. Our students are competing at major universities against others who have the seal.
5. Ohio does business with many international companies. See document about Ohio Jobs.
6. Global citizens require knowledge of languages and cultures
7. Biliteracy develops critical thinking skills
8. Biliteracy is a tool for students to be successful in their chosen profession.
9. Only cost is the normed assessment which is much less than an AP exam. Approximately $20.
10. Can raise the level of English for ELL students.