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Dear Families of Grades 7 and 8 Students,

**Ashford School** is pleased to announce that we have selected Rosetta Stone as our online language learning solution! Multilingual skills are a critical success factor in our global society, and **Ashford School** would like to provide our students the language skills they need to be effective and successful in today's changing world. Rosetta Stone's interactive and award-winning software creates an intuitive and engaging environment for thinking and communicating in a new language.

Students will have access to the following:

- **Language Training:** Reading, writing, speaking and listening skills are introduced in core lessons, then key skills, such as grammar and vocabulary, are refined in focused activities. Speech recognition technology evaluates the pronunciation of each word and sentence, providing immediate feedback.
- **Live Tutoring:** Native speakers of the new language converse with you directly to strengthen confidence and speaking skills.
- **Games & Activities:** Practice your new language using interactive activities and stories that reinforce the language learned in Language Training and practiced in Live Tutoring.
- **Mobile Apps:** Continue your lessons on the go with your Apple and Android devices. Complete lessons in the Rosetta Stone Language Training app, and get extra practice in your new language by using the Rosetta Stone Language Companion app for iPhone/iPod Touch and select Android devices. *Note: These mobile applications are available for select languages.*

For more information on Rosetta Stone, visit [www.rosettastone.com](http://www.rosettastone.com). If you have questions or concerns about the language program at Ashford School, please contact **me**.

We are opening this opportunity initially to students in grades 7 and 8, as we have limited seats. Students will need to drop their general music class in order to participate. Please fill out the section below if your student is interested. I will meet with interested students to assess their ability and motivation to be self-directed and independent learners; a requirement for success.

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#### Interest/Permission Form

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) is interested in participating in the Rosetta Stone program. If my child is selected, I give permission for him/her to participate. I understand that this will require my child missing their general music class.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the main office by September 8, 2017.

## Ashford School

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