



October 30, 2017

Ms. Betsy Cohen  
Executive Director  
St. Louis Mosaic Project / St. Louis Economic Development Partnership  
120 South Central, Suite 1200  
St. Louis MO 63105

Dear Ms. Cohen:

In an increasingly global world of work and communications, having skills in multiple languages is a plus for employees in the workplace. Our company works with customers of all ethnicities and we want to grow by filling their business needs. In particular, we serve the needs of many Bosnian and Hispanic families in the South St. Louis City and County areas where multiple language skills are an advantage.

For these reasons, we believe that the Seal of Biliteracy on a high school transcript offers a way to recognize high school students who have high level communication skills in a second language. This shows future employers that the new worker has skills that will be valuable over the long term for business and community relationships.

If we can provide any further details, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James A. Watson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

James A. Watson  
Chairman & CEO  
Midwest BankCentre