**New Resources to Support Bilingual Education Programs**

Schools interested in opening a bilingual education program and those with existing programs should review the following resources, to learn about each program model and make informed decisions about which type of program best serves their school community.

- The *Bilingual Education Programs K–12 guide* provides school leaders with information about the various bilingual education programs available, so they can make informed decisions that best meet the needs of their school and community.

- *Bilingual Education Building Blocks: Planning and Designing Recommendations for New Programs* and the accompanying planning tool provides teams with recommendations and strategies that can lead to the development of high-quality, sustainable bilingual education programs. Schools should use the tool to plan at least one year before opening their program, as well as within the first few years to strengthen the program.

Schools interested in opening a new general bilingual education program in grades K–12 for the 2024–25 school year should complete the *Opening New Bilingual Program (TBE/DLBE) Request Form*, and email it to your ML/ELL director, copying DML@schools.nyc.gov. Schools opening or adjusting bilingual special education programs (including bilingual special education mixed group classes) should email BSEPrograms@schools.nyc.gov for guidance. Schools opening or adjusting early childhood bilingual programs should email ECEPortfolioPlanning@schools.nyc.gov for guidance.

For questions on opening a bilingual education program, email your ML/ELL director (DOE login required). For questions on the new resources, email DML@schools.nyc.gov.