

*Contact* Stephanie Cote *Telephone* 781.385.0533 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE August 11, 2020

*Email* marketing@suescuela.com *Website* www.suescuela.com

## HINGHAM'S SELA WELCOMES IT'S FIRST SIXTH GRADE CLASS!

Hingham, MA, August 11, 2020– SELA: The International Private School located in the Shipyard area of Hingham announced the expansion of their current Elementary School to include a virtual 6<sup>th</sup> grade this Fall. Interest for expansion to 6<sup>th</sup> grade came from the graduating 5th grade families, who loved the continued emphasis on language immersion, project based learning, and virtual engagement, which was part of SELA's response to COVID-19 school closures this Spring.

After parents petitioned SELA's Founder and Executive Director, Sandra Baldeon, for a virtual 6<sup>th</sup> grade, members of SELA's Administrative team, led by Baldeon and Meryl Lawrence, the Elementary Assistant Director, created a proposal for a 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. After presenting to the parents of SELA, the school embarked on the formal approval process with the guidance of the Hingham School Department and Committee, ultimately receiving that approval this week.

SELA's virtual 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have a daily schedule of 8:40a to 2:40p and will include all core subjects and meaningful enrichment opportunities like Science labs and STEM projects, all guided by SELA's strong immersion framework. Students and teachers will use Zoom and Google classroom as their primary form of communication.

On August 31, 2020, SELA will welcome back to school, all its Elementary students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 5, for in person learning. SELA's 6<sup>th</sup> grade virtual school year will begin this day as well.

Earlier this Summer, SELA was named the top Bilingual Elementary School in Eastern Massachusetts in a Boston Parents Paper poll.

SELA: The International Private School is the first and only full-immersion Spanish language academy in southeastern Massachusetts. We prepare our students linguistically, academically, and socially to excel in our global society. Creative. Confident. Bilingual.

# # #If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Stephanie Cote at 781.385.0533 or email at marketing@suescuela.com.