Our students are ready to graduate on schedule! They've been working hard all year and we can't wait to see them shine on graduation day. Learning about upcoming city projects, which includes plans for road and rail expansions to be led by Transportation Director Jason Flora, and how to keep our kids safe this summer by being good communicators are topics we've been discussing in class. Dexter Field will host the Bicycle Festival & Helmet Drive for our students to learn how to be critical thinkers, how to analyze what comes their way, and how to be multilingual communicators. As I see my role as uplifting multilingual learner (MLL) students, especially as young people, I support kids by helping them learn empathy and seek to understand others. Why is being a teacher of multilingual learners so important? I wish we lived in a world where such safety protocols were not necessary in our schools. But please know that our team is working hard to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We will then work with the vendor to build a plan to make security upgrades across the District. The selected vendor will do walkthroughs of every single PPSD building this summer to make security assessments. As you will see further down in this newsletter, we also utilize a communication platform called the PPSD app. Students, families, and community members can download the app on Apple & Android devices. We are grateful for the support of the Providence Fire Department, and Providence Emergency Management Agency. The plan provides a framework to protect students and staff, and outlines responsibilities of staff during comprehensive preparedness in the event of an intruder in one of our schools. If you or someone you know misses any of our newsletters, you can find multiple language editions on the PPSD website newsletter. In the most recent Providence School Board meeting, we learned that being an MLL is an especially important role in our schools. With the information from this research they were able to give clear and accurate data to support their requests. Great work! In my opinion, critical thinking is the way. I see my role as uplifting multilingual learner (MLL) students especially as young people. I support kids by helping them learn empathy and seek to understand others. Why is being a teacher of multilingual learners so important?