

Happy Friday world language professionals!

The first week of August went by quickly with lots of systems underway and many more starting next week! I am excited to announce that for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year, total enrollment in world language courses in Georgia has risen. More information will be forthcoming on these numbers as I dig deeper into the reporting data over the next few weeks.

A quick note, I will be on the road next week coordinating activities and collaborating with world language leadership from surrounding states and so the next GaDOE World Language update will be on August 18th. I often say that Georgia is not an island and just as it is important that within our schools, systems and our state, we increase the level of collaboration and coordination, it is also very important to do so as well on the regional and national level. We must be willing at all levels to openly and honestly share our successes and our failures with others so that the process of learning and improving can move forward. Collaboration is fundamental to teaching and frankly to every organization to ensure that we maximize opportunities for ourselves, students and stakeholders.



As always, there is much to relate. To help stay informed, we encourage you to stay connected with developments in world language statewide through our social media outlets, district level networks as well as through world language professional organizations and related partners. Teamwork makes the dream work!



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### **New Announcements!**

- **Development of one-page guidance/information at a glance series for world language programs in Georgia**
  - In an effort to further enhance our communications and outreach regarding major programs in world language education in Georgia, I have started the

process of producing guidance/information at a glance one-pagers. Over the course of the coming year, I will be working on producing these for the various programs and include parent and student-friendly versions. These can then also be made into posters for your classroom, made available on our website and can be distributed via your networks to stakeholders.

- Upcoming one-pager projects include...
  - World Language Teacher Certification Pathways (in collaboration with the PSC)
  - International Skills Diploma Seal guidance
  - Dual Language Immersion in Georgia
  
- **Bi-annual GaDOE Georgia World Language Update for Parents**
  - Related to the above, I will be working to produce quarterly world language updates specifically for outreach to parents. It will include a summary of data, information on critical programs and other important information regarding world language learning in Georgia.
  
- **Creation of a World Language and Global Issues Guest Speaker Database**
  - Responding to feedback from world language educators requesting guest speakers in their region to come and speak to students about the real-world applications and benefits of language/cultural/international learning in the workforce, we invite interested professionals from government, business, education and the arts to sign up via our online google form [here](#). We will begin connecting interested world language teachers and programs to these speakers in the future. We invite you to share this link with potential guest speakers in your area.
  
- **Calling all teachers to share best practices**
  - Starting in late August and in September, we will begin our teacher to teacher professional development series and we invite current teachers to take part! If you are a DLI/World Language teacher and you would be willing to share a best practice for a 10-20 minute webinar/video session, please contact me so that I can provide you further information. Thank you in advance for sharing your best practices with other teachers across the state.

### **Updates!**

- **Fundraising for grant with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education**
  - **Attached** you will find a fund-raising flyer for wide distribution publicly. We ask for your assistance in spreading the word within your individual and professional networks to our fundraising campaign. These funds will be divided equally to support Dual Language Immersion Programs as well as Professional Development opportunities for world language teachers statewide in Georgia. As interest in language education grows statewide in Georgia, it is more important than ever to

do what we can to support our teachers and programs. These funds will go directly to that effort. (You can include the following paragraph if you like)

- The Fundraising Campaign to support language immersion and professional development for world language teachers statewide is ramping up. We are proud to be partnering with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education to raise a total of \$60,000 dollars to be used this year to provide much needed support for dual language immersion programs as well as critical quality professional development opportunities for world language educators statewide! We are excited to partner with the [Georgia Foundation for Public Education](http://www.gfpe.org) in this important work! To donate, navigate to the website for the Georgia Foundation for Public Education – [www.gfpe.org](http://www.gfpe.org). Click the Donate button in the top right and designate World Language Education! We thank you in advance for your support! All Donations are tax deductible!

- **Related to the Biliteracy Seal**

- Recently, I completed what I am calling a guidance at a glance sheet for Georgia's Seal of Biliteracy. **I am attaching** it here and encourage you to share widely within your networks. This is part of an effort to continue to communicate clearly the route to the Seal for all stakeholders. Future plans include producing this document in both parent and student friendlier forms to better communicate with those audiences specifically.
- A reminder that I have updated the reporting procedures for schools and systems for the [Seal of Biliteracy](#). Biliteracy Seal requests can now be made via an online form accessed [here](#). This is also accessible via our website. When your school or system is ready to report your seal requests prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> reporting deadline of Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, simply submit via this form and we will confirm the request via email.

- **Related to the International Skills Diploma Seal**

- A reminder, I have also recently updated the reporting procedures for the International Skills Diploma Seal as well. Again, the intent is to simplify the reporting and application procedures, systems and schools can now report qualifying students via an online form [here](#). Additionally, I have added an additional form for ISDS schools or systems wishing to request that courses be considered for pre-approval on the home page [here](#). A reminder, the application process is now open and will be open through December 15<sup>th</sup> of 2017. The application along with the rubric the committee used to evaluate these applications are available via the website. *I want to encourage schools and world language programs to offer this important Seal and of course I am ready to assist in this process as requested.*

- **GaDOE World Language Teacher of the Month!**

- Thank you to those of you who have already nominated world language teachers to be recognized! Again, we invite teachers, students, parents, administrators and the public to nominate Georgia public K-12 world language teachers to receive recognition for their efforts! Nominations



can be made via this [link](#). We encourage you to nominate and recognize an excellent world language educator today!

- **Upcoming Event dates to be aware of.....**

Aug 17	World Language College/University Advisory Board Meeting
Aug 21-25	Teacher to Teacher Webinar/Video made available
Aug 24-26	2017 GaDOE Data Conference in Athens

- **Long term dates to be aware of.....**

September 8	Metro World Language District Coordinator Meeting at GaDOE
September 16	Chinese Professional Development at CI in Kennesaw
September 16	<a href="#">German Immersion Day</a> at the Goethe-Zentrum
September 23	<a href="#">AATSP GA Conference</a> in Lawrenceville Ga
September 26	<a href="#">European Day of Languages</a> – Goethe-Zentrum/Alliance Française
September 26	World Language District Coordinator Meeting at GaDOE
September 29	<a href="#">World Languages Day at CULTR</a>
October 22	AATG-GA Fall Workshop in Athens
November 17-19	<a href="#">ACTFL conference</a> in Nashville
March 15-17 2018	<a href="#">FLAG/SCOLT conference</a> in Atlanta

- This information and more is available via the professional development calendar on our webpages and on our professional development page [here](#).
- If you have any events that need to be added, please let me know.

- **New Job Announcements**

- **Johns Creek High School** in Fulton county is seeking a Latin teacher! Interested candidates should contact Ms. Jamie Patterson at [patterson@fultonschools.org](mailto:patterson@fultonschools.org)
- **South Gwinnett High School** in Gwinnett is seeking a German teacher! Qualified and interested candidates may contact South Gwinnett High School Foreign Language Department Chair, Ms. Lesa Howell at

**Free online Resources**

- Piktochart – create your own infographics <https://piktochart.com/>
- 8 narrow reading techniques <https://gianfrancoconti.wordpress.com/2017/07/22/eight-narrow-reading-techniques-that-will-enhance-your-students-vocabulary-and-reading-skills/>
- Top 5 minute activities for the classroom <https://www.the-teacher-next-door.com/index.php/blog/63-blog-classroom-management/209-top-10-five-minute-time-fillers>
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### **Related local news**

- BMW to build training facility near airport <https://atlanta-curbed.com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/atlanta.curbed.com/platform/amp/2017/7/25/16023680/atlanta-airport-bmw-technical-training-center-gicc-college-park>
- Georgia Coast makes spaceflight history <http://camden.allongorgia.com/georgias-coast-makes-space-flight-history/>

### **Links to articles that came out this week related to World Language education.**

- The true failure of foreign language instruction <http://www.sfchronicle.com/news/article/The-true-failure-of-foreign-language-instruction-11726122.php>
- Model high school Spanish teacher William Carvajal featured in local news [http://www.northwestgeorgianews.com/rome/news/education/model-middle-school-spanish-teacher-william-carvajal-likes-to-do/article\\_4278b244-75ae-11e7-bad2-ab27967aac6e.html](http://www.northwestgeorgianews.com/rome/news/education/model-middle-school-spanish-teacher-william-carvajal-likes-to-do/article_4278b244-75ae-11e7-bad2-ab27967aac6e.html)
- Children excel in learning languages [http://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/features/special\\_sections/education/children-excel-in-learning-foreign-languages/article\\_51d7251c-7609-11e7-98fe-87fff3c5c824.html](http://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/features/special_sections/education/children-excel-in-learning-foreign-languages/article_51d7251c-7609-11e7-98fe-87fff3c5c824.html)
- Bilingual educators shortage <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/lake-county-news-sun/news/ct-lake-county-teacher-shortage-st-0729-20170731-story.html>
- Rising popularity of dual language immersion could leave Latinos behind <https://www.usnews.com/news/national-news/articles/2017-07-31/rising-popularity-of-dual-language-education-could-leave-latinos-behind>
- Virginia High School gets a boost for immigrant students [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/virginia-high-school-gets-a-boost-for-some-of-its-neediest-immigrant-students/2017/07/27/217ba9a2-70b8-11e7-8839-ec48ec4cae25\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.3384bc49850d](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/virginia-high-school-gets-a-boost-for-some-of-its-neediest-immigrant-students/2017/07/27/217ba9a2-70b8-11e7-8839-ec48ec4cae25_story.html?utm_term=.3384bc49850d)
- Educator empowers teens to keep linguistic identity <http://news.fullerton.edu/2017su/summer-language-academy.aspx>
- The importance of language skills in improving career prospects <https://www.relocatemagazine.com/articles/education-schools-international-guide-2017-the-importance-of-languages>
- English learners share their stories about school <https://ctmirror.org/2017/07/31/in-their-words-english-learners-share-their-stories-about-school/>

As always, thank you for your time and attention reading these updates. We appreciate all that you do!

Patrick