

Good afternoon world language professionals!

Let me first begin by expressing my hope that you weathered the traumatic weather event of Hurricane Irma last week and to offer my sincere wish for a speedy recovery to all of you who were impacted by the storm.

This past week I was reminded about the importance of perspective and how changing perspectives have revolutionized our societies and our thinking in many areas. Whether it was the mystery of what position the earth occupied in the greater celestial framework in the 4th century, what lay beyond the ocean in Columbus's day, the impact of the first picture, the so called blue marble, of our Earth from space by Apollo 17 in 1972, or the views of Saturn over the years as one of America's most famous spacecraft, Cassini, launched in 1997, plunged into Saturn on Sept 15, 2017, increasing our perspective helps to drive innovation and ultimately our understanding. In much the same way linguistically, we cannot hope to fully understand the incredible power of literacy until we increase our perspective beyond one language. As always, I want you to understand your value and the work that you do as world language educators. You are a critical part of the growing movement of linguistic explorers for our generation. Your work in the classroom, in the universities and colleges, in the office, in our communities and across our state at all levels is of vital significance in our quest to understand the mysteries of the human mind which is as vast and unexplored as the untold wonders beyond our physical universe. What is clear in all of this is the importance of language and communication. Daily it seems, we hear of new research into how language informs our way of interacting with our world and indeed our very thought processes. This is just one of a list of growing reasons, why the study of world languages makes a world of difference to our students!

Economically, language is also of vital importance to our state! With the recent expansion of the Panama Canal in the summer of 2017, enabling ships three times larger than previously to navigate through this important trade point, the port of Savannah has been quietly breaking records monthly. The announced expansion of the port's unloading facilities ensures that Savannah will have the largest capacity to unload ships of any US port. With nearly 5,000 miles of Rail and one of the most extensive surface street networks of any state in the union, our infrastructure is uniquely suited to handle a growing amount of commerce with the global markets. Combining this with the world's busiest travel airport and the world's most efficient airport for 14 years in a row, makes Georgia's competitive advantage multi-faceted and ensures that the state will be a critical international hub for the USA for many years to come.

All of this is just part of the background for the important work that we are doing in world language education both at the state and national level. Both the International Skills Diploma Seal and the Biliteracy Seal provide an important signal to potential employers both domestically and globally that these students have the linguistic and cultural competencies necessary to thrive in the future workforce. In a world where more than half the population is bilingual, it is becoming increasingly important for our students to be equipped to compete on an equal linguistic and cultural footing with the international talent pool. Recent reports about the [growing demand](#) for [Bilingual](#) employees across various career fields further amplifies this growing need domestically as well.

We love to share your successes and so we ask that you please remember to share them with us so that we can share these successes with others across the state. We know you are doing so many great projects, activities and events in your systems, schools and classrooms related to world language and cultural education so please don't hesitate to share this information with us or reach out and invite us to

attend. We are here to support all of Georgia's systems, schools and students and we are proud to do so.

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Programs Spotlight!

- Congratulations on the recent article about the great DLI Program at Oglethorpe Elementary in Clark County Georgia! You can see the article [here](#).
- The Clayton County Public Schools system is proud of Elite Scholars Academy and the commitment the faculty and staff have made to promote World Languages. It is an early college magnet school that serves students in grades 6-12. Elite Scholars Academy offers a World Languages pathway to all students. Four years of world languages are required for students in grades 8-12. Students in grades 6 and 7 are given an introduction to world languages to better prepare them for the language of their choice in the 8th grade. Upon entering 8th grade, students begin earning their first world languages high school credit. Chinese, French, Latin, and Spanish are offered and students are encouraged to stay with the same language. Students are also able to complete their world languages courses via dual enrollment.

World Language Teacher Spotlight!

- Congratulations to Dual Language Teacher of the Month, Ms. Isabel Marsh at Garden Hills Elementary in the Atlanta Public School System. You can read more of an interview with her by following this [link](#). Ms. Marsh was also funded a \$1,000 by the AFHP and CFP foundations to support a project for her classroom!
- Please let us know of any world language teachers receiving awards statewide, we would very much like to join with you in celebrating their accomplishments!
- Likewise, if you know of a program in Georgia that deserves to be highlighted, please contact me at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us

Quick Announcements! (There is a tremendous amount going on so I apologize for the length)

- [Link](#) to the latest GaDOE Curriculum and Instruction Newsletter (World Language on page 5)
- Applications are now available for the International Skills Diploma Seal program. Schools that are interested can find out more information [here](#). A link to the school application is also available on that page or contact me directly at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us
- Save the Date – The 2018 GADII (Georgia's Dual Language Immersion Institute) will be held July 17th – 19th 2018! Last year we had a record registration and a

wonderful conference! We look forward to offering another great program for all educators interested in Immersion education in the Southeastern US.

- **Less Commonly Taught Languages Level 3 course moves through Cabinet and a public survey of the proposed new course will soon be made available for comment for 30 days prior to the State Board Meeting in November.**
- **We are excited to announce the first ever [Japanese-English Dual Immersion School](#) in Georgia will open its doors in August 2018! The school is currently recruiting up to 300 children for grades K-5. ICA Georgia will hold a town hall meeting for interested parents on October 17, 2017 at 9:15 am at 5505 Winters Chapel Rd, Atlanta, GA 30360.**
- **Georgia State University has received official notice that the five-year project [“Equipping Schools, Communities, and Universities for Excellence in Language Acquisition \(ESCUELA\)”](#) we proposed in April has been funded in the amount of \$2.6 million by the U.S. Dept. of Education’s Office of English Language Acquisition.**
- **East Coweta High School announces its Annual Poetry Recitation Competition will be held on Saturday, October 28. For a copy of the poems please contact kelli.barber@cowetaschools.net Schools can register to participate via this [link](#).**
- **The Second Jiangsu Cup Chinese Speech Contest for High School Students in the Southern States is scheduled in November. The event will be held on the morning November 4, 2017 on the campus of Emory University. For more information contact Mrs. Yingli Zhang at zhang30269@gmail.com or (678) 640-5202 with questions.**
- **French Embassy to the United States (FACE) launches DLI Fund. Deadline for schools to apply is October 1st – Find the application [here](#).**
- **The date of Georgia’s (and the nation’s) first statewide World Language Job Fair has been set for Saturday, March 3rd from 9am-12pm at Whitewater High School in Fayette County. Districts wishing to host a table at the job fair can apply to do so via this [link](#).**
- **A reminder about [CUITR’s](#) upcoming event, [World Languages Day](#) on September 29th! What a great event to highlight the importance of world languages and cultural competencies and how these skills connect to the realities of the workforce.**
- **Save the Dates! February 9-11, 2018. AATSP Spanish Immersion Camp! More information at this [link](#).**

- ***The AATSP Georgia Annual conference will take place on Saturday, Sept 23rd at Baggett Elementary School in Lawrenceville starting at 9am. I look forward to attending!***
- ***Registration is now open for German programs to register students to take the DSD I statewide exam. For more information contact Michael Göttert at atlanta@auslandsschulwesen.de***
- ***The GAOME Dual Language Symposium, scheduled march 9-10th 2018 in Athens is now accepting proposals. You can submit via this [link](#).***
- ***The Goethe-Zentrum and the Alliance Française will be hosting the annual European Day of Languages on Sept 26th from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Register [here](#).***
- ***Spread the word, Guest speakers wanted to speak on global education, language learning and the importance of language skills in the marketplace. Volunteer speakers can sign up [here](#).***
- ***We are fundraising in collaboration with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education to support Dual Language Immersion programs and professional development for world language educators statewide. Pass the word! Donate [here](#)!***
- ***The ATTSP Spanish Immersion Camp will be held from Feb 9-11. You can find out more information by following this [link](#).***
- ***The First Georgia Chinese Dual Immersion Teacher Workshop on Saturday, September 16th went well! We again thank the Confucius Institute in Kennesaw for sponsoring the event!***
- ***GaDOE World Language Educator of the Month! Nominations can be made via this [link](#). We encourage you to nominate and recognize an excellent world language educator today! September's World Language Educator of the Month will be revealed next week!***
- ***September 15th – October 15th is Hispanic Heritage month!***
- ***NABE Student Essay competition. [Find out more here.](#)***
- ***Upcoming Event dates to be aware of.....***

September 15 th	Deadline for Article submissions for GaDOE WL Parent Newsletter
September 16	Chinese Professional Development at CI in Kennesaw
September 16	German Immersion Day at the Goethe-Zentrum
September 23	AATSP GA Conference in Lawrenceville Ga
September 26	European Day of Languages – Goethe-Zentrum/Alliance Française
September 26	World Language District Coordinator Meeting at GaDOE
September 29	World Languages Day at CULTR
October 1 st	Deadline for schools to apply for French DLI grant money
October 4 th	National Teach German Day! Also, signing day for new MOU with Germany!
October 22	AATG-GA Fall Workshop in Athens
October 26 th	Teacher to Teacher Webinar Series Recording
October 28 th	ECHS Poetry Recitation Competition
November 4th	The Second Jiangsu Cup Chinese Speech Contest
November 17-19	ACTFL conference in Nashville
December 1 st	Deadline for German students to apply for DSD
February 2-3	German State Convention in Covington
February 9-11	AATSP Immersion Camp
March 3 rd	Georgia World Language Job Fair at Whitewater High School 9am – 12pm.
March 9-10	GAOME Dual language Symposium in Athens
March 15-17 2018	FLAG/SCOLT conference in Atlanta
March 20th	International Day at the Capitol
July 17-19	Georgia Dual language Immersion Institute

- 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.

Now Hiring!

- The German School of Atlanta is looking for Teachers / Assistants / Substitutes for different grade levels for the 2017-18 school year. Please contact Susanne Estrella for details sestrella@germanschoolatlanta.com

Useful links for Language Teachers

- Teaching and assessing soft skills (workforce related) http://catlintucker.com/2017/09/teaching-assessing-soft-skills/?utm_content=buffer7998c&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer
- Insights from our own Meredith White <http://www.path2proficiency.com/dont-get-it-twisted/>
- Music madness in Spanish Class <http://misclaseslocas.blogspot.com/2017/09/hispanic-heritage-month-music-madness.html>
- Free online TV Stations from around the world <http://streema.com/tv/>
- Peardeck <https://www.peardeck.com/>
- Polyglot club – language learning community <https://polyglotclub.com/>
- Leaflanguages Resources <http://www.leaflanguages.org/>

- Rediscovering Language Learning <http://www.path2proficiency.com/rediscovering-language-learning/>

Related local news

- Georgia's first Japanese DLI <http://www.globalatlanta.com/japanese-english-dual-language-state-charter-school-open-gwinnett-county/>
- GSU receives grant to support DLI Teacher pipeline http://news.gsu.edu/2017/09/19/georgia-state-education-faculty-receive-grant-support-bilingual-educators/?utm_source=press_release&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=bilingual_educators_grant&hootPostID=0d70b2622186bc05efb8104f85d11a24
- Oglethorpe Elementary DLI featured <http://onlineathens.com/local-news/2017-09-06/oglethorpe-elementary-dual-language-immersion-program-going-strong-second-year>
- Atlanta Mayor's office of International Affairs annual report <https://www.atlantaga.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=27687>
- Amazon puts logistics hub in midtown <https://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/news/2017/09/11/amazon-picks-atlanta-for-new-logistics-hub-locates.html>
- Language Lesson – Building Global Skills UNG <http://blog.ung.edu/magazine/article/language-lessons-building-global-skills/>
- Article from Mrs. Marsh, DLI teacher at Garden Hills Elementary <https://duallanguageschools.org/post/dual-language-teacher-month-%E2%80%93-isabel-marsh>

Links to articles related to World Language education.

- World language skills matter for US security <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/readersrespond/bs-ed-rr-sept-20170912-story.html>
- The bilingual brain calculates differently <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2017-09-bilingual-brain-arithmetic-differently-language.html>
- Virtual Exchange as career preparation http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/global_learning/2017/09/virtual_exchange_as_career_preparation.html?cmp=soc-edit-tw
- How speaking a 2nd language effects the way you think <https://www-psychologytoday-com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.psychologytoday.com/blog/talking-apes/201709/how-speaking-second-language-affects-the-way-you-think?amp>
- Spanish English Immersion Classes bear fruit http://www.columbian.com/news/2017/sep/13/spanish-english-immersion-classes-evergreen-public-schools/?utm_content=bufferb5db3&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

- Learning a language is good for your brain <http://www.latg.org/2017/02/learning-a-new-language-is-good-for-your-brain.html/#.WcKi7siGNPZ>
- Want to work for the US foreign service? <https://careers.state.gov/work/foreign-service/officer/test-process/>
- Spanish fluency decreases with each generation <https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/2017/09/10/spanish-fluency-u-s-decreases-each-generation/636773001/>
- How exercise can help you learn a new language <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/16/well/move/how-exercise-could-help-you-learn-a-new-language.html>
- These countries have the most official languages <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/08/these-countries-have-the-most-official-languages>
- California adopts ELL Roadmap <http://www.educationdive.com/news/california-adopts-english-learning-roadmap-to-inform-ell-instruction/504740/>
- USDOE announces 20 million to support ELL Teachers. <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-awards-20-million-support-educators-english-learner-students>
- Minority languages in the media https://www.academia.edu/34474519/Presentation_Long_tail_languages_Investigating_the_revaluation_of_minority_languages_in_new_media
- When hurricane warning are lost in translation https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2017/09/irma-prep-without-english/539277/?utm_source=fb
- Growing demand for bilingual employees in the DC region <http://dcimmersion.org/2017/05/06/growing-demand-for-bilingual-employees-in-the-dc-region/>
- How the US Hispanic population is changing <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/09/18/how-the-u-s-hispanic-population-is-changing/?amp=1>
- France to launch Dual Language Immersion Fund Deadline for Schools to apply is October 1st! <http://face-foundation.org/french-dual-language-fund/documents/GrantApplicationForm2017-FrenchDualLanguageFund.pdf>
- Analyzing the language of color <http://news.mit.edu/2017/analyzing-language-color-0918>
- Proposal put forward for Irish students to begin learning languages earlier <http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/education/children-will-begin-learning-foreign-language-at-age-of-three-ff-proposal-36128544.html>
- Parents are driving bilingual education in the USA <https://france-amerique.com/the-parents-driving-bilingualism-in-the-united-states/>

Thank you for all that you do!

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