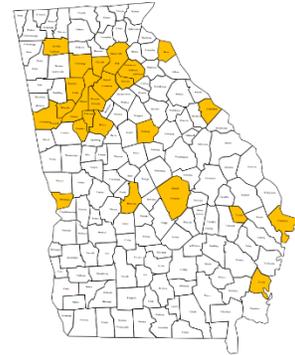


Good afternoon world language professionals!

I certainly hope you are enjoying your holiday weekend!

Once again, there is much to share with you this week! As you are aware, the deadline for the 2nd reporting cycle for the Seal of Biliteracy was this past Friday. We are so excited to see the tremendous response for the first year of this historic seal. The Seal is above all an official recognition of a student's proficiency in both English and another language or multiple languages. Additionally, it is a recognition of the economic and societal value of that language ability and in a broader context the value of the many cultures that make up the fabric of our communities across Georgia. It is not only a global imperative that our students have these linguistic and cultural competencies, it is a domestic imperative as well. More than half the world is bilingual and our students are increasingly entering a workforce that is as diverse as our communities. International investment in Georgia is on the rise and so are the opportunities for students who can demonstrate the critical cultural soft skills that enable our businesses to thrive economically both at home and abroad. The global and domestic talent pool is competitive and language and cultural proficiencies can provide a critical advantage to job seekers in every field. In Georgia, we set the bar high in terms of proficiency for our Seal of Biliteracy recipients. In fact, we set a very high minimum requirement for students by requiring them to reach the level of Intermediate high on the ACTFL proficiency scale. The Seal represents a real proficiency target for all our language programs K-12. At the end of the day, it is a measure of how well students speak, read, listen and write in the language. It represents in many ways as well, a fundamental shift in world language education for our nation toward specifically focusing on the proficiency of language learners.



Now that the reporting cycle is complete, I am happy to report that 1,333 students across Georgia have earned the Seal this year. This year 24 systems participated in honoring their students with this important Seal and it is our hope that all systems will participate as well in the years ahead as we are certain that there are students in all Georgia districts that may qualify. 878 Spanish Seals were issued, 43 German, 198 French, 7 Chinese, 1 Latin, 1 Czech, 2 Haitian-Creole.

The new reporting procedure was considerably easier as well and while there are still some small adjustments to be made ahead of this year's May 1st deadline, the feedback has been overall extremely positive. Don't forget that much of the information pertaining to the Seal, including our new Seal of Biliteracy Guidance at a Glance document, can be found on our website [here](#).

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

Georgia's historic Biliteracy Seal!



- 1133** Seals issued thus far!
- Spanish = 878 Seals of Biliteracy
- German = 43 Seals of Biliteracy
- French = 198 Seals of Biliteracy
- Chinese = 7 Seals of Biliteracy
- Latin = 1 Seal of Biliteracy
- Czech = 1 Seal of Biliteracy
- Haitian-Creole = 2 Seals of Biliteracy
- Other European Languages = 3



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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Congratulations!

- Congratulations to **Mr. Jonas Strecker**, German teacher at **South Forsyth High School**, who was recently named as that school's Teacher of the Year!
- Congratulations to **Mrs. Diane Kordel**, one of our stellar dual language immersion teachers was recently featured in an article on teachers in Smyrna that go above and beyond for their students. Check them out on page 30-31! https://issuu.com/atlantab.../.../my_vinings_smyrna_fall_2017/30

(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!)

Quick Updates!

- **This week we sat down online with one of our stellar Immersion language teachers to start our Teacher to Teacher webinar series sharing best practices from the classroom. Many thanks to Mrs. Radu, Georgia World Language Educator of the Month for August, for providing her tips. You can see the webinar at your convenience by following this [link](#). I encourage you to do so as many of her tips are applicable to all levels and languages**
- **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](#). This is the first event of its kind in the nation and we are happy to partner with the professional standards committee to make this event available to our school districts and systems.**
- **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.**
- **A reminder that we will be publishing a World Language Update for Parents each Semester. The Deadline for [Article submissions](#) from systems or schools is September 15th.**
- **Save the Dates! February 9-11, 2018. AATSP Spanish Immersion Camp! More information at this [link](#).**

- ***The First Georgia Chinese Dual Immersion Teacher Workshop will be held on Sept 16th at 9am at the CI at KSU.*** For more information contact zli27@kennesaw.edu.
- ***The AATSP Georgia Annual conference will take place on Saturday, Sept 23rd at Baggett Elementary School in Lawrenceville starting at 9am.***
- ***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](#)!***

Expanded Updates

- ***Teacher to Teacher Webinar Series gets underway***



- This year, in an effort to both honor and share the wonderful things Georgia’s world language educators are doing in their classrooms across the state and with the world, we have launched the Georgia Teacher to Teacher webinar series and are inviting world language teachers from across the state at all levels to participate. The effort got off to a great start this week as we sat down online with Mrs. Radu, one of our stellar Immersion language teachers. You can see the webinar at your convenience by following this [link](#). I encourage you to do so as many of her tips are applicable to all levels and languages. This webinar, and future webinars will be housed on our professional development website [here](#). If you would like to participate in the series, please contact us.

- **Save the date for Georgia's first statewide World Language Teacher Job Fair**

- The date for Georgia's first world language specific job fair has been changed to avoid conflicts with other local job fairs. Georgia's first statewide World Language Job Fair will take place on **Saturday, March 3rd from 9am - 12pm** at Whitewater High School in Fayette County. District and School leaders can sign up to host a table at the event by following this [link](#). Representatives from the Professional Standards Commission will also be on hand to answer certification questions. More information will be forthcoming.



- ATTSP Spanish Immersion Camp will be held from Feb 9-11. You can find out more information by following this [link](#).

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- **The First Georgia Chinese Dual Immersion Teacher Workshop coming in Sept**

- On Sept 16th, starting at 9am – The Confucius Institute in Kennesaw will sponsor an Immersion training for Chinese Teacher. Please see attached flyer for more information. For more information contact zli27@kennesaw.edu.

- **Fundraising for grant with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education**

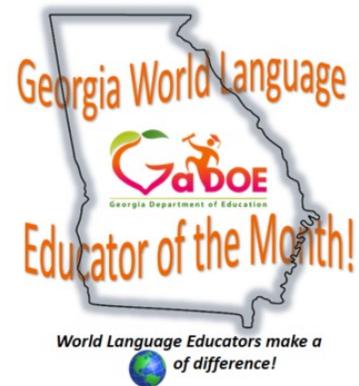
- The Fundraising Campaign to support language immersion and professional development for world language teachers statewide is ramping up. We are proud to be partnering with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education to raise a total of \$60,000 dollars to be used this year to provide much needed support 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. 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 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 15th 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 Educator of the Month!**

- Congratulations to Mrs. Melissa Radu for receiving the first Georgia World Language Educator of the Month award for August! 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.....**

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| September 8 | Metro World Language District Coordinator Meeting at APS |
| September 14 th | GaDOE WL University/College Advisory Meeting online 10am – 12pm |
| 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 4 th | National Teach German Day! |
| October 22 | AATG-GA Fall Workshop in Athens |
| October 26 th | Teacher to Teacher Webinar Series Recording |
| November 17-19 | ACTFL conference in Nashville |
| 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 15-17 2018 | FLAG/SCOLT conference in Atlanta |
| March 20th | International Day at the Capitol |

- 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

- German Election materials <https://www.goethe.de/ins/us/en/m/spr/unt/kum/bundestagswahl.html>
- Tasked based activities <https://wlclassroom.com/2017/05/08/foreign-language-exercises-and-tasks-task-based-activities/>
- Learning language through cultural products and practices <http://www.path2proficiency.com/learning-language-through-cultural-products-and-practices-part-1-racing-dragonboats/>
- Digital skills for Teachers http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2017/08/9-essential-digital-skills-for-21st.html?utm_content=buffer16653&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer
- A YES Scholarship is available for secondary students to study abroad. <http://www.yes-abroad.org/>

Related local news

- Atlanta Airport expands connections to Africa <http://www.globalatlanta.com/event/sister-airport-invitation-town-hall/>
- A great pdf from the Technology Association of Georgia on where Georgia Leads Internationally. <http://www.tagonline.org/files/WGL-Maps/intl-bus-brochure.pdf>
- International Skills Conference <http://www.gaccsouth.com/en/events/2017-international-skills-conference/>
- Website globalization Seminar <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/website-globalization-tickets-32445176396>
- Savannah serves largest vessel ever to dock on the East Coast <http://www.gaports.com/Media/PressReleases/TabId/379/ArtMID/3569/ArticleID/138/Savannah-serves-largest-vessel-ever-to-call-on-East-Coast.aspx>
- Canadian Firm invest 105 million in Peach county <http://www.globalatlanta.com/canadian-firm-invest-105-million-peach-county-greenhouses/>
- Chinese Tire Factory plans moving ahead in LaGrange <http://www.globalatlanta.com/georgias-biggest-chinese-investment-year-behind-moving-ahead/>

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

- Teacher shortage in every state https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2017/08/28/teacher-shortages-affecting-every-state-as-2017-18-school-year-begins/?utm_term=.a616f0cd752b
- Voter initiative seeks to open door to popular immersion programs <https://edsources.org/2017/voter-initiative-opens-door-to-expansion-of-popular-dual-language-immersion-programs/586204>
- The importance of social skills in an age of automation https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/08/automation-may-take-our-jobs-but-it-ll-restore-our-humanity?utm_content=bufferc2c37&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer
- Languages spoken in the country not always reflected in the classroom https://theconversation.com/hundreds-of-languages-are-spoken-in-the-uk-but-this-isnt-always-reflected-in-the-classroom-82289?utm_content=59315101&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter
- Why everyone should love languages <http://www.cambridge.org/elt/blog/2017/08/25/love-languages-rosie-goldsmith/>
- Why is English different from other languages <https://aeon.co/essays/why-is-english-so-weirdly-different-from-other-languages>
- Delaware certificate recognizes language skills <http://www.scsuntimes.com/news/20170829/delaware-certificate-of-multiliteracy-recognizes-advanced-language-skills>
- The rewards of true bilingualism last a lifetime <http://www.westchestermagazine.com/Sponsored-Content/August-2017/The-Rewards-of-a-True-Bilingual-Education-Last-a-Lifetime/>
- Working across countries, languages and cultures <https://hbr.org/2017/08/how-to-successfully-work-across-countries-languages-and-cultures>
- Planning for your dual language immersion program <https://duallanguageschools.org/guide/1-planning-your-dual-language-program>
- West graduate breaking down language barriers http://www.omaha.com/sarpy/bellevue/west-graduate-breaking-down-language-barriers/article_c0eb7192-dac9-5cdc-b81f-80256874c018.html
- The next generation of Teacher prep http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/teacherbeat/2017/08/the_next_generation_of_teacher.html?cmp=soc-edit-tw
- Academic Achievement isn't the only mission <http://pdkpoll.org/results>
- Free book of Spanish resources and tips <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Secondary-Spanish-Ebook-2017-Tips-and-FREE-Resources-3259484>
- 10 ways to get your Spanish class moving <http://misclaseslocas.blogspot.com/2017/03/10-ways-to-get-you-spanish-class-moving.html>
- Threatened languages and how people relate to them <https://theconversation.com/threatened-languages-and-how-people-relate-to-them-a-cameroon-case-study-82395>
- Going global. How an international internship can change your life http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/go-global-how-an-international-internship-can-change_us_59a6a70ae4b08299d89d0afe

- Translations role in times of crisis <http://www.k-international.com/blog/translations-role-times-crisis/?platform=hootsuite>
- New way to learn languages Virtual reality https://www.inc.com/joseph-steinberg/the-new-way-to-learn-languages-virtual-reality_1.html

Georgia enjoys a vibrant international community, with EMEA, Asia Pacific, and the Americas represented among its more than 700,000 foreign-born residents. More than 70 trade regions and countries and their territories are represented by more than 120 foreign offices; consulates, bi-national chambers, trade offices, and international associations and groups. Georgia contains upwards of 2,750 international facilities, and Atlanta is home to 74% of them. Georgia's robust international ecosystem includes more than 110,000 employees from these companies. How is this impacting economic development in the state? The numbers speak to the success!

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Eric Sargent earned dual undergraduate and graduate degrees in German and mechanical engineering through the University of Rhode Island's International Engineering Program (IEP), and completed an overseas traineeship that led to three years of employment with German automotive supplier ZF Friedrichshafen, before securing his current role at BMW. Prior to his IEP experience, he did not anticipate the importance of language study to his career and was not overly excited by the language courses available to him. Today, Sargent liaises between BMW's American and German offices, speaking in German with leading engineers about both technical and cultural matters daily. He credits his language skills and early experiences abroad for much of his success and considers himself a "global engineer."

Eric told the IEP that his job "could not be done by someone without fluency in the two languages and an understanding of the differences between the way Germans and Americans behave and function in their daily lives."⁷³

Thank you for all that you do!

Patrick