

Good afternoon world language professionals!

It is time for our first bi-weekly summer world language update. I certainly want to wish all of you some time off this summer to rejuvenate from the hustle and bustle of the school year. I know that being a teacher means that this “teacher operating system” is always running in the background for many of us throughout the year. We see the world through a teacher’s eyes and that means we look for lessons, resources, opportunities and more even when we are not at school. As a teacher, even when I did allow myself a moment not to think of school, I felt a little guilty because I had all the things running through my head that needed to be done or that were on my wish list to accomplish. Sound familiar? My sincere hope for all of you is that you take some time this summer to enjoy your family and friends and rest. Allow yourself to reconnect with the non-teacher you for a moment. It’s ok to do so!

That said, the work here at the Department of Education continues as it does in our school district offices and there have been several developments to inform you about already. Below you will find a quick summary of these. Thank you in advance for your attention.

Facebook: [Georgia Department of Education World Languages](#)

Instagram: [gadoeworldlanguages](#)

Twitter: [gadoeworldlanguages](#)

Overview!

- We are excited to announce the kick-off of our fund-raising efforts in partnership with the [Georgia Foundation for Public Education](#) to support Dual Language Immersion Programs and increased professional development opportunities for all world language teachers in Georgia! Please help us spread the word through your contacts! Donation information is also available on our websites here at [GaDOE!](#)

Please consider donating to support World Language Education in Georgia!

The Need: The growth of Dual Language Immersion Programs in Georgia and the introduction of Georgia’s new Seal of Biliteracy and the subsequent need for the focus on building proficiencies has led to a desperate need to both better understand the effectiveness and results of the DLI model and to support increased quality professional development opportunities for world language teachers across Georgia.

The Response: To meet the need, we are raising funds to provide much needed support for dual language immersion programs as well as critical quality professional development opportunities for world language educators statewide!

How do I donate? Please navigate to the website for the Georgia Foundation for Public Education –

www.gfpe.org. Click the Donate button in the top right and donate! We thank you in advance for your support! All Donations are tax deductible!

“Together, we build better communities and more opportunities!”



Georgia is among the states with the fastest growth in Dual Language Immersion Programs!



- **GADII 2017 is going to be GREAT!** I'm excited to announce that our upcoming Dual Language Immersion Institute has gotten even more interactive this year! In addition to all the wonderful sessions, presentations, new teacher and administrator workshops, snacks and networking opportunities, we will also be the following....

1. Dual Language Immersion Video Project

Let your voice be heard! What inspires you? Why is immersion education important?

2. Video and Voice Uploads

Upload your thoughts during the conference via audio or video! We want to hear your comments, revelations and inspirational stories!

3. #GoGADII Twitter Competition

We invite you to tweet us your photos and comments using the hashtag #GoGADII before the end of the event on July 12th.

4. Group Selfie Scavenger Hunt

Adventure? Excitement? You got it. Play the Premier GADII Scavenger Hunt! After all, we're so glad you found you!

- You can register for the event via this [link](#).
- There is **no cost** for you to attend!



GADII 2017
Georgia's Dual Language
Immersion Institute
July 11-12, 2017



- **Biliteracy & International Skills Diploma Seal Update**

- As promised, I am redoing the reporting procedures for both the Seal of Biliteracy and the International Skills Diploma Seal. The new procedure will be for systems and schools to report their seal request via an online google form. This link is already active on the [Biliteracy Page](#). When your school or system is ready to report your seal requests prior to the 2nd reporting deadline of Sept 1st, simply submit via this form and we will confirm the request via email. The intention is to make the reporting process less cumbersome for districts and schools. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for further improvement.
- We will also be simplifying the procedures for reporting the Internationals Skills Diploma Seal in a similar fashion. Since that reporting date is further away (April 15, 2018), we have some time to see how the new process works and make any necessary adjustments after this test of the new procedures with the Seal of Biliteracy.
- The Seal is making news in [Forsyth!](#)

What does the Seal of Biliteracy do for Georgia?

- 1). It serves to recognize and honor the diversity of cultures and languages that make up our communities.
- 2). It serves to help industry identify students exiting k-12 systems with these critical language and cultural skills.

- 3). It serves to set the bar for measuring achievement in language proficiency for all students. (It is not achieved by seat time but rather by the student's proven ability to use the language.)
 - 4). It serves to recognize the importance of other languages in the support of increasing English literacy.
 - 5). It serves to send the broader message that Georgia is committed to providing our students with an education that recognizes, celebrates, supports and encourages a truly world class education!
- **The AATSP has announced their fall conference will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Baggett Elementary School in Lawrenceville! See attached Info! Register now!**
- If you want to know what workshops are available for teachers this summer, check out our [professional Development calendar!](#)

A reminder about our upcoming webinars.

- *An Introduction to Georgia's International Skills Diploma Seal* - Tuesday, June 13th, 2017. 3pm - 4pm. This webinar will provide an overview of Georgia's trailblazing International Skills Diploma Seal program. The webinar will provide background on the reason for the program as well as discuss the requirements and procedures related to applying for and implementing the program.
Please register by following this [link](#).
 - *Discover your potential and become a World Language Teacher*- Thursday, July 6th, 2017. 10am - 11am. In Georgia, and in many places across our nation, we have a critical needs shortage of qualified world language teachers. This webinar will explore the reasons why you should consider the world language teaching profession and explore the steps you need to take to set you on that path.
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- Currently, we have three webinar series planned for the year ahead. They are...
 - Pathways to Proficiency (A look at methodologies and best practices to improve proficiency)
 - Georgia's World Language and Cultural Partners series. (an introduction to resources and organizations within our state for world language teachers)
 - International Exchange Programs Best Practices Series (A look at how exchanges are established, planned, implemented and the dos and don'ts of such programs)
- Some additional series are planned as well. (These may be stand-alone webinars or may be incorporated into a longer series.) as time and space allow.
 - Certification Pathways for World Language teachers.
 - Classroom Management Tips from Teachers
 - Teacher Talk - Sharing instructional best practices from the classroom
 - Connecting World Languages with the global workforce needs for Georgia.
 - Languages in the workplace – Interviews with Business leaders.
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- I have updated the attached teacher openings. There are a number of new positions on the list. Additionally, I am attaching a list completed by Joe Uriz and posted on the FLAG Facebook site on June 1st. (Thanks Joe!) -.....which reminds me....if you haven't joined [FLAG](#), I would encourage you to do so! Next year the [conference](#) will be combined with SCOLT in March!
- The Third annual Atlanta German Business and Education Summit is scheduled to take place at the Goethe-Zentrum on July 31st from 7:30am – 9:30am. You can register for the event by following this [link](#).



Third Annual Atlanta German Business and Education Summit

Monday, July 31, 2017, 7:30 - 9:30am

Goethe-Zentrum Atlanta

The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany Atlanta, the Georgia Department of Education, the German American Chamber of Commerce, and the Goethe-Zentrum are delighted to host the Third Annual German Business Education Summit.



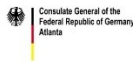
This year's speakers are:

Mr. Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent
Mr. Patrick Wallace, Georgia Department of Education
Ms. Nicole Heimann, Manager, Skills Initiative,
German American Chamber of Commerce

A great opportunity for business and education leaders to connect!

Admission: Complimentary

To Register: www.tinyurl.com/ATLBESummit17



- The Goethe-Zentrum is partnering with the Alliance Française to host the first European Studies Summit: A High School Leadership Camp. The purpose of this camp is to encourage cultural exchange and awareness within the greater context of European life. We're focusing on different European countries every day with students engaging in leadership development activities, participating in local field trips and on-site classes (including politics, geography, culture and language), and completing one major group project to be presented the last day of camp. Students will be presented with a certificate of completion on the last day of camp. The countries on the agenda this year include: France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and the Czech Republic.

It's taking place July 24-28, 2017, 9:30am – 4:30pm and costs \$375.00 per student. A flyer about the program is below



European Studies Summit: A High School Leadership Camp



July 24 - 28, 2017, 9:30am - 4:30pm



Join the Alliance Française and Goethe Zentrum for our first annual European Studies Summit, a culturally-enriching leadership camp experience for high school students.

Over the course of five days, students will engage in leadership development activities, participate in local field trips and on-site classes (including politics, geography, culture and language), and complete one major group project to be presented the last day of camp.

This year's countries include France, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic and Switzerland.

**Admission: \$350.00 before May 1, 2017, \$375.00 after May 1, 2017.
(Tuition includes materials and field trips)**

For more information and to register: www.tinyurl.com/EuroStudiesSummit

Alliance Française / Goethe-Zentrum Atlanta | 1197 Peachtree Street NE
Colony Square, Plaza Level | Atlanta, GA 30361 | (404) 892-2388

- Information on the webpages has been updated so you may notice some changes. Please let me know if you see anything that needs to be changed/updated. I appreciate your feedback and help in keeping all our announcements and links there up to date. If you have an event that you would like listed on the calendar, please send me an email with the date and time.
- I also want to encourage you to investigate the Lead with Languages Campaign started by ACTFL. <http://www.leadwithlanguages.org/> Have you seen their student testimonials page....if not, I encourage you to check it out and maybe share with your students <http://www.leadwithlanguages.org/success-stories/students/>

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

- National Foreign Language Enrollment Survey <https://www.americancouncils.org/flereport>
- Leveling up using ACTFL's proficiency levels <https://wclclassroom.com/2017/01/26/what-does-language-look-like-at-the-various-proficiency-levels/>
- Proficiency has made me a better teacher! <http://www.path2proficiency.com/proficiency-has-made-me-a-better-teacher/>
- A new marker of success at Graduation – the Seal of Biliteracy https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/a-new-marker-of-success-at-graduation-the-seal-of-biliteracy/2017/06/02/240c79ce-46da-11e7-bcde-624ad94170ab_story.html?utm_term=.fd4c66058036
- Dual Language Academy demonstrates advantages of Bilingualism <http://www.montereyherald.com/social-affairs/20170603/dual-language-academy-demonstrates-advantages-of-bilingualism>
- Bilingual Education growing in the states <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/06/04/world/social-issues-world/bilingual-education-u-s-infancy-growing/>
- Project based learning in the WL classroom <http://www.pblintheatl.com/2012/10/spanish-pbl-with-purpose.html>
- Field notes on proficiency – by Carmen Scoggins <http://www.path2proficiency.com/field-notes-carmen-scoggins/>
- Popularity and Problems of DLI <http://www.nbcrightnow.com/story/35521576/the-popularity-and-problems-of-dual-language-programs>
- Nine qualities of effective immersion programs http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/global_learning/2017/05/nine_features_of_high-quality_language_immersion_programs_a_checklist.html
- Supporting English with home languages <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2017/06/01/minn-schools-heritage-language-classes-improve-english>
- Whistle language <http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20170525-the-people-who-speak-in-whistles>
- Decreasing anxiety for English learners <http://exclusive.multibriefs.com/content/decreasing-academic-anxiety-for-english-learners/education>

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As always, thank you for your time and attention reading these updates. I appreciate you! Enjoy your summer break!

Patrick