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REFLECTIONS: WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP 2020

Dear Principal / Chair:

The World Languages Program of the University of South Carolina Upstate will sponsor its annual *REFLECTIONS: World Language Teachers' Workshop* on Monday, February 17, 2020, from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm in the Ballroom of the Sansbury Campus Life Center. With the recent emphasis on the need for intercultural competency in world language learners, we are pleased to provide world language teachers the 2020 workshop titled “**Intercultural Investigations and Interactions Through the Modes**”, facilitated by Mara S. Cobe, the World Languages Specialist for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, where she supervises World Language programs in seven languages.

Workshop Description: Participants will unpack the ACTFL Can-Do Statements for Intercultural Communication to understand and identify the connections between Intercultural Investigations and the interpretive and presentational modes of communication, as well as the connections between Intercultural Interactions and the interpersonal mode of communication. Intercultural investigations in all World Language programs start with interpreting authentic texts, which are everything one can see, hear, touch, smell or taste from the target culture. Participants will learn how to create performance tasks for intercultural investigations in the target language at all levels and in all programs through authentic texts, and how students can use the target language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the relationship between the practices or products and perspectives of cultures to prepare for more meaningful intercultural interactions.

Facilitator: Ms. Cobe frequently presents at state, regional and national conferences. She has served on the board of FLANC, and was named as a FLANC Honorary Life Member in 2014. Ms. Cobe also served as a member of the ACTFL Task Force on Interculturality, and currently serves as a committee chair for ACTFL and as the Vice President of the National Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Languages (NADSFL). During her 27 years in public education, she has worked in curriculum and supervision, taught French in grades 6-12, and Spanish in grades K-12.

For the past 22 years, some districts have used these workshops as staff development for their teachers and have given them credit toward it. We are sure you recognize the importance of staff development and hope that you will encourage your world language and ESOL teachers to attend.

Thank you very much for sharing this information with your World Languages and ESOL teachers. We hope to see them in February.

Please find enclosed the registration form for the workshop.

We look forward to seeing you on February 17, 2020.



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