



May 15, 2019

Dear District Supervisor:

The 32nd Annual Meeting and Professional Development Conference of the National Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Languages (NADSFL) will be held November 19-21, 2019 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and the adjacent Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC, in conjunction with the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Annual Convention and World Languages Expo. It is critically important that world language supervisors and instructional specialists participate in this unique, annual forum to keep abreast of current research and initiatives in the field.

To emphasize this year's theme of "We the PEOPLE: many languages, one voice" NADSFL members will engage in workshops facilitated by dynamic leaders and network with colleagues in supervisory roles at the district and state levels. From the afternoon of Tuesday, November 19, through Thursday, November 21, attendees will delve into key policy and implementation issues affecting the field of world languages and will have the opportunity to interact with and learn from some of the leading authorities on world language education, in large and small group settings.

On Thursday, NADSFL also traditionally participates in ACTFL's Assembly of Delegates (AoD). State supervisors, leaders from state foreign language teachers' associations, and leading authorities from languages-specific organizations will share information and strategies.

There are a few changes anticipated for this year's conference only in order to capitalize on being in Washington, DC. ACTFL's Assembly of Delegates will take place on Capitol Hill with visits on congressional offices. For those who prefer not to participate in those visits or who are precluded from participating by district rules and regulations, there will be a series of briefings by national agencies about global issues that may impact world language programming decisions.

While the final schedule will be forthcoming, a draft is attached for your perusal.

Our annual meeting affords many focused opportunities for NADSFL members to learn, discuss, and reach consensus on policies and implementation strategies affecting language learning and teaching in your district. I hope you will join us!

Cordially,

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Tentative Schedule 2019

Tuesday, November 19

- 2:00 – 5:00 Conference Workshop: The Six Million Dollar Supervisor: better, faster, stronger
This workshop will allow participants to dive deep in to *The Principles of Effective World Language Programs* document by discovering what resources are available; how can the leadership behaviors help support day-to-day work; and, how can the indicators support advocacy at the local level. There will also be time for participants to submit their own resources to be considered for inclusion on the *Principles* website.
- 5:00 – 5:30 Mentoring meeting for new members & their mentors with Leslie Grahn
- 6:30 – 8:00 Dinner with NADSFL (on your own)

Wednesday, November 20

- 7:15 – 8:15 Joint NADSFL-NCSSFL Breakfast (provided by sponsor)
- 8:30 – 10:15 PEARLLs of Wisdom
Leaders from Professionals in Education Advancing Research and Language Learning (PEARLL), the newest LRC, will share about the updated TELL Documents, upcoming endeavors, and how NADSFL members can play a role in this partnership. NADSFL members will also share projects developed by their teams during the PEARLL Summer Institute.
- 10:30 – 11:45 Spheres of Influence
Facilitated by the NADSFL Advisory Board, participants will have the opportunity to engage in robust discussions about advocating at the local level to include communicating with stakeholders – particularly those in a position to influence the world language program, creating buy-in for world language programs, sharing useful, beneficial practices.
- 11:45 – 1:15 NADSFL-NCSSFL Joint Supervisor of the Year Luncheon (provided by sponsor)
- 1:15 – 2:45 Leading Through Change
Facilitated by NADSFL members, this interactive panel discussion will focus on how our NADSFL colleagues have managed to stay on course even when “forces” seemed to dictate otherwise. They will share what strategies and approaches have worked. The panel will receive prepared questions as well as those from the audience. There will also be time for table debrief and discussion.
- 3:00 – 3:25 LILL Presentation
NADSFL’s delegate to the LILL Summer Academy, Catherine Ousselin, will share her learning as well as outline her future project.
- 3:25 – 4:15 NADSFL Annual Membership Meeting & Looking forward to Thursday & Friday
- 5:30 – 7:30 NADSFL-NCSSFL Reception (light snacks provided by sponsor)

Thursday, November 21

- 7:00 – 2:00 Assembly of Delegates (AoD)
- 6:00 – 9:00 Evening Presidents’ Reception (provided by sponsor)

Friday, November 22

- 7:15 – 8:15 Tentative NADSFL-NCSSFL Breakfast (provided by sponsor)