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Chris Reykdal, Superintendent

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Re: WAFLT-COFLT Bi-State Conference 2022—Support

Dear Administrator:

I am writing to support your World Language educators' attendance of the 2022 WAFLT-COFLT Bi-State Conference in Portland, OR from Thursday, October 13, through Saturday, October 15. This Washington co-sponsored conference is one of the most comprehensive professional development events for language educators in the Pacific Northwest. This in-person event will offer learning opportunities for all language education professionals at all levels and from all languages.

At WAFLT-COFLT 2022, World Language educators will have the opportunity to attend educational sessions and participate in hands-on learning environments that will provide them with tangible resources and ready-to-use techniques that will help them build their content knowledge and learn new strategies. They will be exposed to the timeliest topics, the latest research, and the most current trends in language education today. Upon their return, I am confident they will share the information and resources that they've gathered to their colleagues and educational community, preparing your school and district to guide language learners to improve their level of performance.

The conference will have many sessions which support [OSPI's Strategic Goals](#). An ACTFL Heritage Learner workshop facilitated by [Dr. Celia Chamón Zamora](#), Director of Professional Learning and Certification, supports the goal of rigorous learner-center options in every community. The keynote speech will be given by [Dr. L. J. Randolph](#), whose research focuses on issues of social justice and critical pedagogy in language education and teacher preparation. I myself will be presenting on language opportunities in service within the military in support of Washington's [Graduation Pathways](#).

Please visit the WAFLT website for more information: <https://wafit.wildapricot.org/Conferences>.

Thank you for considering my request for your language educators to join in this opportunity! If you have further questions or comments, please contact me at 360-819-0950 or email veronica.trapani@k12.wa.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica R. Trapani".

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