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Subject: Message #210: PD Opportunities for Social Studies and for World Languages

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**From: Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education,
Curriculum Support**

Dear Arkansas Educators,

Please take note of the following professional development opportunities, and pass them along to others who may be interested:

For Social Studies Teachers:

2022 – ADE – Project Collaboration: PLC Processes for 9-12 Social Studies

The Project Collaboration 9-12 Social Studies Team will present on best PLC processes for 9-12 Social Studies standards. The teacher team will discuss best practices and strategies to support classroom instruction, discuss how to use priority and essential standards to guide instructional planning, and share strategies for collaboration for singletons. This session will share effective ways using PLC processes to support the standards and student learning. Participants can register at

https://www.escweb.net/ar_ade/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=470624

For World Languages (Foreign Language) Teachers:

2022 – ADE – Project Collaboration: PLC Processes for 9-12 Spanish

The Project Collaboration 9-12 Spanish Team will present on best PLC processes for 9-12 Spanish standards. The teacher team will discuss best practices and strategies to support classroom instruction, discuss how to use priority and essential standards to guide instructional planning, and share strategies for collaboration for singletons. This session will share effective ways using PLC processes to support the standards and student learning. Participants can register at

https://www.escweb.net/ar_ade/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=470622

2022 – DESE – Taking World Language into the Community – United States Marshals Museum

In this session, participants will explore ways to work with community partners in order to give their students real-world opportunities to use the language they are learning. Leslie Higgins, director of education for the United State Marshals Museum, will introduce participants to the museum - its history, its goals, its impact on the community. Teachers will explore ways their students can partner with the museum in the creation of educational content in the target language. Teachers will also have time to brainstorm and discuss how their students could do similar things with other community partners. The session will be held at the United State Marshals Museum, 789 Riverfront Drive, Ft. Smith. Participants can register at https://www.escweb.net/ar_esc/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=475729

2022 – DESE – Taking World Language into the Community – Buffalo National River

In this session, participants will explore ways to work with community partners in order to give their students real-world opportunities to use the language they are learning. Lauren Ray, a park ranger, will take participants on a walking tour of some of the Buffalo River Facilities and discuss the river's history, its goals, its impact on the community. Teachers will explore ways to incorporate the Buffalo River into their classes, such as student creation of safety, environmental, and historical content in the target language. Teachers will also have time to brainstorm and discuss how their students could do similar things with other community partners. Participants should come prepared to do a moderate amount of hiking, bringing items such as water, bug spray, etc., and may want to bring a picnic lunch. Participants will begin and end the day at OUR Coop (5823 Resource Drive, Harrison AR) in Ozark 1 room, but will travel to the Buffalo River during the session. Participants can register at https://www.escweb.net/ar_esc/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=475725