

Dear MAFLA Members and Supporters,

Happy New Year!

As we embark on the journey into a new year, I am thrilled to share with you the exciting developments that will shape our path forward. The new MAFLA logo was unveiled at our last conference in October. It is proudly displayed in bold, uppercase letters, accompanied by our resonant tagline: "Leading Massachusetts to Multilingualism." This emblem symbolizes our collective commitment to fostering linguistic diversity and reflects the vibrant spirit of our community.

This year, we are particularly excited to announce our Conference theme: "World Languages: A Core Subject!" This theme underscores the fundamental importance of language education in our evolving global landscape. It reinforces our belief that proficiency in multiple languages is a valuable skill and an integral component of a well-rounded education.

As we strive to advance our mission, MAFLA remains steadfast in its dedication to providing quality professional development opportunities. We understand that a strong foundation in world languages requires continuous learning and growth. To that end, we are committed to offering resources and experiences that empower educators to excel in their craft.

MAFLA will continue its collaborative efforts with the Department of Education and Higher Education in the coming year. Our goal is to contribute actively to the recruitment of qualified world language educators and to provide unwavering support programs for K-16 and beyond. By working closely with these institutions, we aim to create an environment that nurtures linguistic proficiency and cultural understanding from the earliest stages of education through higher learning.

Your ongoing support is instrumental in our collective success, and I invite each one of you to engage with us as we navigate the exciting opportunities and challenges ahead. Together, we will forge a future where multilingualism and multiculturalism are not just a goal but a thriving reality in every corner of Massachusetts.

Thank you for your commitment to the MAFLA community. Here's to a year filled with growth, collaboration, and the continued celebration of language diversity.

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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of our Board of Directors. Bobby, Amy, Jessica, and Erica, it is with great pleasure that we welcome each of you to our dynamic team. Your expertise and passion for our profession will undoubtedly enrich our organization's journey. Cheers to a successful and collaborative future!

- Bobby Sullivan, French Teacher and World Languages Coordinator for Westborough Public Schools.



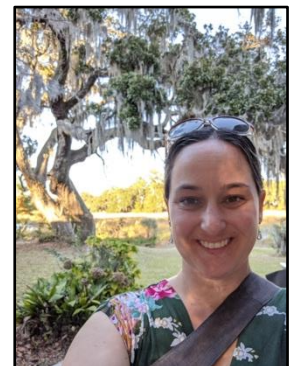
- Amy St. Arnaud, Spanish Teacher at Nashoba Valley Technical High School.



- Jessica Kaplan, Spanish Teacher and World Languages Department Chair for Norwood Public Schools



- Erica Pollard, Chinese Teacher and K-12 Director of World Language for Hingham Public Schools.



UPCOMING PD FROM MAFLA

MAFLA Winter Workshops 2024

Join us for a series of virtual professional development for world language teachers.

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MAFLA Core Practices Institute 2024

Join us to refresh and build upon ACTFL's Guiding Principles!

Friday, March 15, 2024

Location: Boston University, 685 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215

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MAFLA Fall Conference 2024

Empower and promote global communication! Embrace the theme
“World Languages: A Core Subject” in our call for proposals.

We invite educators, linguists, and enthusiasts to submit innovative ideas that elevate the significance of world languages in education. Share your insights, methodologies, and initiatives that foster a rich, multicultural learning experience. Together, let's make world languages a fundamental cornerstone in education. Submit your proposal and be a driving force in shaping a globally connected future!



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