



New York State Association of World Language Administrators

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Dear Members/Colleagues,

The Board of Directors has been working hard to continue the great work of the past to build an organization that meets the needs of its members. Over the years, the FLACS assessments have helped take the organization statewide! We are now working with administrators across New York State, not just on assessments, but on professional development opportunities to ensure that the needs of members are met.

FLACS has a long and proud history of serving its members with distinction. The FLACS board thanks the past-presidents and countless former members of the board who served the organization to ensure its success. As you are aware, the FLACS Constitution was written at a time when the organization only served the needs of world language administrators on Long Island. FLACS has been working across the state over the last several years and our goals have changed!

The FLACS board has decided to take the organization to the next level. We worked with, and sought the advice and support of, past-presidents, former board members, colleagues, attorneys, accountants, and members of other professional organizations, to ensure that we heard from as many stakeholders as possible. We are excited to announce that FLACS will eventually be phased out and replaced with...

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A new constitution has been written and vetted, according to our “purpose” as listed below. Please inform your teachers and fellow administrators of the change. We will not change the name of our assessments to avoid confusion at this time, but our letterhead, membership forms, logo, W-9, CTLE certificates, and website will be changed in late December to begin the transition. We have secured a Certificate of Incorporation from New York State.

Below is NYSAWLA's description of its purpose as a non-profit organization:

1. To improve the professional status of those charged with the responsibility of supervising world language educators and programs within New York State
2. To provide professional development to world language leaders and educators
3. To improve curriculum, assessments, and instruction statewide through partnerships with other associations and the New York State Education Department
4. To advocate at the local and state level for world language programs
5. To keep school administrators and the lay public constantly aware of the vital role of world language instruction at all levels of education.

We will work hard to achieve the goals of the new statewide organization. We invite you to continue to participate in our meetings, professional development/general membership meetings, yearly conference, and assessments. We are excited to take on this new and exciting venture with you, our members, but more importantly, colleagues who believe that monolingualism can be cured in New York State!

We thank you for your continued support!

Respectfully,

The Executive Board of FLACS and the new Executive Board and Founding Members of NYSAWLA:

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