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French educator:

A year-long program in professional development for P-12 Kentucky French teachers outside of Jefferson County begins this spring through the Department of Modern Languages at Western Kentucky University. Participating teachers will take part in these activities at little or no cost through the Improving Teacher Quality grant program of the Council on Post-Secondary Education. The program includes these primary professional development opportunities and activities:

- A two-week seminar in France in summer 2005 organized by the Jefferson Public Schools
- A series of workshops beginning in spring 2005 focusing on developing standards-based units of study and on the LinguaFolio Kentucky! assessment tool
- Attendance at the fall 2005 KWLA conference

Emergency certified teachers and those with alternate certification, as well as recently-certified teachers and those with little or no experience in immersion language programs, will have precedence in acceptance into the program.

Participants will engage in a unit of study centered around the essential question: How can using inquiry process skills and my knowledge of the target language to examine cultural practices and products help me analyze problems and communicate solutions from multiple perspectives? They will be expected: (a) to work with a French partner to develop and implement a standards-based, content-related unit of study, and (b) share information about their experience in a round table discussion at the KWLA fall conference.

The deadline for applications is February 18, 2005. The necessity of purchasing trans-Atlantic flights dictates this quick turn-around. The application form and further information are attached. Please contact the Department of Modern Languages if you have questions.

Please see attached information and application form. We would also appreciate your bringing this opportunity to the attention of other French teachers who might particularly benefit from this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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