



St. Louis Language Immersion School

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Dear SLLIS Community,

Thank you for your patience as we prepare for the 18-19 school year! We've been hard at work recruiting potential students, developing draft schedules, and adjusting staffing plans. With all the moving parts as we plan for 18-19 we knew it would take some time before we could make further announcements about the year, but now we're ready to share more information with you! Please see below for updates on staffing and recruitment.

First, I would like to announce our Program Liaisons for 2018-2019. As you may recall from the letter I sent to you in May, the Program Liaison position is for three current lead teachers - one in each language program. These teachers will have a reduced teaching load so that they will have the time required to work in collaboration with our principals with an emphasis on the target language. It is my pleasure to announce Raul Munoz as the Spanish Program Liaison, Fan Yang as the Chinese Program Liaison, and Sabrina Poirier as the French Program Liaison. Please join me in congratulating them!

As you know, we have a lot of instructional work to do at SLLIS in 2018-2019. In order to ensure success in implementing our new English Language Arts curriculum, Benchmark Advance, we plan to have an English Language Arts Coach on each campus. Like the Program Liaison, this position will be for a returning teacher who will have additional release time so they can coach teachers on this new curriculum. We have already identified the staff member on each campus for this role and will announce them shortly!

As promised, we are sharing a list of returning staff for 2018-2019. Please see the list of returning instructional staff by campus at the end of this letter. As always, this list may be subject to change over the summer due to shifting enrollment numbers. One of the benefits of our new dual language model is increased flexibility in staffing. We already have our language experts in house with our returning staff, and now we will have the opportunity to add to our team's expertise by hiring elementary certified teachers who may not necessarily speak the target language. These teachers would be able to help cover content in English and assist with K-6 homerooms.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to share some recruitment updates with you. We have had a lot of success in our recruitment campaign with Standing Partnership. Through advertisements on Facebook, paid search on Google, a new recruitment landing page, and two digital billboards, we have generated 135 leads in just three weeks! We are excited about the success of our marketing campaign and are working diligently to follow up with all our leads, answer their questions, and bring them in for tours.



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Despite the success of our recruitment campaign with Standing Partnership, we are still projecting having fewer total students enrolled at SLLIS next school year, which means we will have a more limited budget. In developing our new budget and making staffing decisions, we have made every effort to place as many resources as possible directly in our classrooms and have made a conscious effort not to eliminate positions that work directly with students. With that being said, due to budget constraints we did have to restructure our Central Office for 18-19. Accordingly, we had to reduce the Talent Director position and close the Chief Operating Officer, Director of Diverse Learners and Federal Programs, Enrollment Coordinator, and Director of Development positions. The essential functions of these positions will be covered through contracted work in 2018-2019.

There are still many ways that you can help SLLIS with recruitment over the summer. If you have a moment, please consider giving us an upbeat but honest review on Facebook or Google! If you will be in town this summer and would be interested in coming to campus once per week with your SLLIS student so they can share their target language skills with potential families, please email me at meghan@sllis.org. Campus visits are at Marine on Tuesdays at 9:00 am and Papin on Thursdays at 9:00 am, and I'm in need of student ambassadors for each language to help with visits in June and July since classes won't be in session. Finally, make sure to pick up a yard sign from our front desks to promote SLLIS in your neighborhood all summer long!

Despite many changes and challenges at SLLIS, we're excited about where we're headed in 2018-2019 and are looking forward to preparing further for the school year over the next couple months. You can find the 2018-2019 school calendar attached here. Please don't forget to mark your calendars for our Meet the Teacher Day on August 10, 2018. We will be in touch over the summer regarding your student's new teacher and details for that day.

I wish you an enjoyable, safe, and restful summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meghan Hill".

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SLLIS 2018-2019 Returning Instructional Staff

*Please note that these lists are subject to change. Given our new dual language model, planning for specific teaching assignments is still underway. * indicates staff member will work on both campuses.*

Papin Campus Staff	Marine Campus Staff
Phil Kennedy - Papin Principal Baldomero Alvarez* Wanda Aponte Angela Bocclair-Jones Estrella Bullock Jose Manuel Castro Chavez Angela Cuartas-Lopez Juan Pablo Escaray Maria Diaz del Rio Maria Garcia Foz Ana Lopez Renee Martin Maribel Deloya Jill Meyer Raul Munoz Rodrigo Karina Otoy Roxana Prendes Perla Rivera* Scheilla Schallon Kelly Brunner Jenny Crump Laura Grizzle* Nathalia McPeak Lauren Stoelting*	Sebastien Babolat - Marine Principal Haoli Collings Naxin Fan Nannan Huang Tzushan Huang Lijie Sanders Zheng Wang Yamin Wu Yachin Lee Fan Yang Yves Conseant Coumba Gueye Adeline LeBorgne Sabrina Poirier Kari Rivers Gregoire Kande Jamie Van Kenneth Blanton Jeannie Brooks Rebecca Schneider Taylor Mitchell Macartney Owen Joyce Vincent Anne Timberlake*