

CELIN Session

National Chinese Language Conference May 9, 2014

# **Leveraging Resources to Support and Expand Immersion Programs: The Case of the State of Washington**

**Dr. Michele Anciaux Aoki, OSPI World Languages and  
International Education Program Supervisor**

# Washington State Context

- No state-level “mandate” (or budget)
- Lots of state-wide collaboration and grassroots support
  - Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
  - Confucius Institute of the State of Washington (CIWA)
  - Dual Language Washington
- Visiting Teachers from China

# Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

- World Languages - Dual Immersion
  - Co-sponsor Professional Development
  - Trainings on World Language Standards (and Common Core State Standards)
  - Support for Assessment options
  - Free clock hours (continuing ed. units)
- International Education
  - OSPI Certification provides Nonimmigrant Permit to Teach to visiting teachers from China - for Chinese language and K-8

# Confucius Institute (CIWA)

- Fund professional development for Chinese language teachers
- Sponsor summer Dual Immersion Boot Camp (for all languages)
- Support Chinese immersion curriculum development
- Co-sponsor Annual Cultural Exploration Chinese Language and Talent Competition for K-12 Students



# Dual Language Washington

- DL Special Interest Group (SIG) of Washington Association for Bilingual Education (WABE)
- Advocate for Dual Language Education
  - Collier & Thomas webinar on “Astounding Effectiveness of Dual Language Education”
  - Meetings with Colleges of Education about Dual Language Endorsements

# Dual Language Washington Leadership

- Dual Language Leader Walks
  - Site visits at Dual Language Schools
  - Exploring Problems of Practice
  - Sharing Resources
- Trainings for DL Teachers
  - Early Language Assessment (ELLOPA /SOPA) at Jing Mei Elementary in January 2014
- New website for sharing resources

# Visiting Teachers from China

- College Board/Hanban visiting teachers
  - Launched new Mandarin Immersion program in Naselle (small district SE Washington)
  - Build pipeline for secondary level Mandarin programs in Seattle
- Confucius Institute sponsored teachers from sister schools
  - Support Beacon Hill International School Mandarin Immersion program

# CIWA Funding Support for Visiting Teachers

- Cultural program activities (e.g., Lunar New Year) for all visiting teachers in the state
- Travel and registrations for visiting teachers to attend world language conferences in the state
- Mentoring of new teachers and professional development workshops through the Chinese Language Teachers Association – Washington



# Questions?

Michele Anciaux Aoki  
[michele.aoki@k12.wa.us](mailto:michele.aoki@k12.wa.us)

View resources at:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/WorldLanguages/DualImmersion.aspx>

<http://www.k12.wa.us/InternationalEd/TeacherExchange.aspx>

<http://confucius.washington.edu>

<http://www.duallanguagewa.org>