



The ELL Department in the School District of Fort Atkinson will be hosting a second annual “Coffee and Collaboration” workshop for area ELL educators. Wisconsin Teachers of English Speakers of Other Languages (WITESOL) is sponsoring this mini-workshop and providing a light breakfast and refreshments for attendees. This is a free professional development opportunity for area ELL educators. **The date for this event is Wednesday, February 13, 2019.** We welcome you to join the workshop from 8:30-11:30 a.m. We will be having this event in a large conference room located in the same building as Luther Elementary in Fort Atkinson. We hope this mini-workshop will provide you with much needed collaboration with your ELL colleagues on topics you would like to learn more about.

[WITESOL](#) and our ELL department are working together to provide this opportunity so that we can network with nearby ELL colleagues. We plan to have some great discussions about ELL programming and practices. Sometimes being involved in ELL instruction can feel very isolating, especially if you are the only ELL teacher in the building or district. We want this mini-workshop to help empower you as you make connections with others. Our goal is to learn from each other and share tips and strategies of what has been working in each district.

To kick off the morning, we will be having a keynote presentation from Audrey Lesondak, from the Department of Public Instruction. Audrey is an education consultant in ESL/Bilingual/Title III. Audrey will be sharing a 45 minute presentation on issues surrounding Special Education and English Language Learners. After that, we will break off into grade levels (elementary, middle, and high school) and participate in a “Swap Shop”. We are asking each attendee to bring a favorite resource or idea to share with the group. We hope that swapping ideas will lead to discussion and collaboration on a variety of issues. In addition, everyone will get to leave with new resources and ideas to try out! We will then end our morning by having a question and answer session where attendees can share ideas on current hot topics.

We hope that you can join us for this exciting opportunity on February 13th!

If you are able to attend this event, please RSVP by February 4th. While this event is free, we are requiring every participant to register ahead of time. As Luther Elementary is locked 24/7, only those who register will be admitted into the school. After the registration deadline, you will receive a reminder email the week before the mini-workshop. You must RSVP by using this link: goo.gl/znQ7Ks

If you have any questions, you may contact Kari Johnson at johnsonk@fortschools.org

Sincerely,

Kari Johnson
ELL Teacher at Luther Elementary
School District of Fort Atkinson



Coffee and Collaboration - Mini-workshop for ELL Educators

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

8:30-11:30 a.m.

Hosted by the School District of Fort Atkinson ELL Department

Sponsored by Wisconsin Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (WITESOL)

School District of Fort Atkinson/Luther Elementary

205 Park Street

Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

You may park in the front parking lot of the building located on Park Street or also park on the street. There is also a lot located in the back of the school, but you will need to walk around to the front of the building to gain access to the building. Please enter the doors located on the right by Luther Elementary. Please do not enter the doors to the District Administrative Offices. Doors are locked 24/7 for student safety, so you will need to buzz in, state your name and that you are attending the “Coffee and Collaboration” ELL workshop. Only those who registered via the google link will be able to enter the school. You will need to stop in the office area to receive a visitor’s badge. There will be signs pointing you to the hallway where the large conference room is located.

Tentative Schedule

8:15-8:30 Arrival and check-in (light breakfast and refreshments provided)

8:30-8:45 Welcome and Introductions

8:45-9:30 Keynote Presentation – Audrey Lesondak – Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Topic: English Language Learners: Language Needs vs. Learning Needs

Audrey Lesondak is an Education Consultant in ESL/Bilingual/Title III with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). She was a co-leader of the School District and IHE Collaborative Meeting in February 2018. Ms. Lesondak is a former ESL and German teacher in Wisconsin, has been active in WITESOL for many years, and has worked in urban education in Chicago.

9:30-10:45 “Swap Shop” with small groups based on teaching level

10:45-11:30 Group Question and Answer Discussion Session on Hot Topics

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ELL educators

* Swap ideas and
resources

Light breakfast provided



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205 Park St. Fort Atkinson, WI

COFFEE AND COLLABORATION

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