



The ELL Department in the School District of Fort Atkinson will be hosting a “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 Friday, March 9, 2018.** We welcome you to join the workshop from 8:30-11:30 a.m. We will be having this event in the district office 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 Susan Huss-Lederman, a University of Wisconsin-Whitewater professor. Susan will be sharing a 45 minute presentation on how to best teach academic vocabulary to ELLs and how this can lead to supporting ELLs in the mainstream classroom. 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 March 9th!

If you are able to attend this event, please RSVP by February 28<sup>th</sup>. You may RSVP by clicking here: [goo.gl/znQ7Ks](http://goo.gl/znQ7Ks)

If you have any questions, you may contact Kari Johnson at [johnsonk@fortschools.org](mailto:johnsonk@fortschools.org)

Sincerely,

Nicole Haskin, Kari Johnson, Maya Kuliga, Jeanette Mares, and Catherine Wilson  
ELL Department of the School District of Fort Atkinson



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Friday, March 9, 2018

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 District Office/Luther Elementary

201 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. You will enter the door located on the left by the administrative wing. You may need to buzz in, but you can state your name and that you are attending the "Coffee and Collaboration" ELL workshop. There will be signs pointing you to the hallway where there is a stairway leading to Conference Room A/AA.

### Tentative Schedule

8:30-8:45 Welcome and Introductions (light breakfast and refreshments provided)

8:45-9:30 Keynote Presentation - Susan Huss Lederman - UW-Whitewater  
Topic: Academic Vocabulary and Supporting ELLs in the Mainstream Classroom



*Susan Huss-Lederman is Professor of Applied Linguistics and TESL in the Department of Languages and Literatures at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She earned a master's degree in applied linguistics from Teachers College of Columbia University and a doctorate in linguistics (sociolinguistics emphasis) from Georgetown University. She has taught ESL in community, workplace, and university programs, and she has offered professional development to English teachers in Virginia, Wisconsin, Mexico and Ecuador.*

9:30-10:45 "Swap Shop" with Breakout Sessions based on teaching level

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

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\* Swap ideas and  
resources

Light breakfast provided



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# COFFEE AND COLLABORATION

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