World Languages Education:
Essential Learning for Our Children’s Future

8 Advocacy tips for parents

1. Find out what kind of program exists in your town or district – Visit your district website
2. Meet with your school’s world language teacher to introduce yourself as a parent who cares about this program.
3. Offer to assist with any world language event or project as a volunteer
4. Attend a school board meeting to ask members about their goals for the program
5. Attend a PTA meeting to suggest mini grants for funding teacher projects
6. If you see connection possibilities or resources that may be of assistance to a world language teacher, let them know!
7. Write to your school board, superintendent, and state representatives to voice your support for world language programs.
8. Encourage your children to expand their language knowledge by exposing them to cultural and linguistic experiences in the arts, online, within your community, and even through travel.

Visit these websites for further reading:
www.flenj.org www.nnell.org www.cal.org

State -http://www.state.nj.us/education/frameworks/worldlanguages

Federal - http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps/title-six.html

Thank you for attending this event and showing your support for world language learning in our schools!

Questions? Ideas? Please write to: parentsforlanguage@gmail.com

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