



Dear FLENJ members,

The weather and the foliage are starting to change. As the sweet freshness of the new school year becomes a lingering memory and the demands of SGOs and PDPs become the focus, we realize we are deep into the first quarter. Now is the time to focus on what we need for our classroom work- **FLENJ** is here to help! Remember- **your** state network is your go-to source for the highest quality professional development – a tradition of success for teachers across NJ.

- This school year 2014-2015, **FLENJ offers a full menu of great professional development**. Your colleagues at FLENJ have endeavored to provide the latest and the greatest in educator learning. Check out the superb offerings [here](#).
- The **NJEA annual convention** is upon us. FLENJ, a strong partner of the NJEA offers a full spectrum of outstanding professional development sessions to meet the needs of teachers at all levels. Check out the full schedule [here](#). Remember- two days of great p.d. – all FREE to you, as an NJEA member.



- **FLENJ Annual Conference:** What a fantastic way to gear up for the rest of the school year- our two day, action-packed program at the annual conference. NJ is proud to host **Stephen Krashen**, one of the nation's most-respected second-language acquisition theorists, as we gather to learn the newest and the best in methodology and instructional practices. [Please register now!](#) Administrators- this is the best investment you can make in the growth and success of your program- register your teachers, today! A wise administrator told me that districts can save on costs by offering teachers in the local area bus transportation to New Brunswick- this saves everyone money and makes it easier to travel to the conference site.

Your colleagues, the hardworking executive board members of FLENJ, have dedicated their time to make this the best year possible for teachers of world languages in NJ. At our summer retreat, through the capable leadership of **Liliana Lopez** and **Lauren Scheller**, we revised the mission of FLENJ and made great strides forward, positioning ourselves to continue to lead the profession. Remember- we are the volunteers who endeavor to support all world language classroom teachers in NJ. You will find we are a friendly bunch – reach out to us, [we would love to hear from you!](#)

Just recently, the visiting teens from our partner school in Wiesbaden flew home to Europe and the tears and hugs at the airport

remind me of why this work is so essential. We are building important bridges of communication and understanding. We see the fruits of our labor in the bilingual New Jersey youth who leave our classrooms and head into the world, moving forward, with global perspectives, knowing more about how to be a global citizen than they did that first day they crossed the threshold, fresh-faced and wondering. The journey continues.....

All the best,  
*Christopher Gwin*  
FLENJ President