

Dear FLENJ members,

“Take a rest. A field that has rested gives a bountiful crop.” ~ Ovid.

SUMMER! We made it! All of us at FLENJ hope that this past academic year has been fulfilling for you professionally and personally! Time to rest and renew! Often it is when we allow our minds to rest that our most creative and exciting ideas emerge. Be sure to keep a journal or a digital space close by in case inspiration strikes!

FLENJ is working hard this summer to enhance your professional experiences. With your support and guidance, we hope to bring professional collaboration and learning to the next level. Advocacy, awards, interactive learning, and camaraderie are many of the best ways we can do this. We invite you to be a part of FLENJ in this, our 100th year. As a FLENJ member you are making a statement about your dedication to your work, to your students, to New Jersey education, and to the essential role of language learning in our global society. Take a moment to watch this video developed by the Network of Business Language Educators (NOBLE). I urge you to take time this summer to reflect on how very important language and cultural education are especially at this time in our history and how your work and your instruction could be the spark that inspires a child or many children to contribute to a more peaceful future for everyone. “What is culture?” is a video from a program of the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is a great resource to share!

**And when you are ready to get energized with new ideas for the next year, FLENJ is prepared!**

***Register, Apply, Propose, Volunteer!!!***