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World Languages Summit: Pathways to PK-20 Language Learning

WHEN: Thursday, November 6, 2008 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

WHERE: University of Washington HUB Ballroom, 2nd Floor, Seattle, WA

In a state where children from hundreds of different countries attend the state's public schools and one in three jobs is connected to international trade, what would it look like for us to create a language learning system that extended from preschool through graduate school?

Students, teachers, administrators, faculty, community members, business and community leaders, policy makers, and parents will participate in an informative and inspiring day exploring the current status of world language teaching and learning in Washington state!

Highlights from the day include representatives from area businesses in a business breakfast panel, keynote entitled "National Context for a Vision of World Language Pathways PK-20" by **Paul Sandrock**, former World Languages Consultant with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and Past President of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, and a "Models of Success in World Languages and Global Education" Resource Fair.

This event is the culmination of two years of work by the Mapping and Enhancing Language Learning (MELL) project at the University of Washington, which is surveying languages taught in our schools and colleges, analyzing, mapping, and reporting that information, then working with K-12, higher education institutions, and national language leaders to identify ways to enhance the experience and the results (<http://depts.washington.edu/mellwa/Reports.php>).

For more information, visit <http://internationaledwa.org/summit.htm>.

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