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### **More Than 600 People to Attend World Languages Teacher Recruitment Day Event to Take Place on Saturday, March 8, at East Brunswick High School**

More than 600 teacher candidates — 100 of whom registered in the last two days — have signed up for Saturday's World Languages Teacher Recruitment Day. The 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. event will be held at East Brunswick High School in East Brunswick, Middlesex County.

The New Jersey Department of Education is hosting the statewide recruitment event in order to help local school districts hire qualified World Languages teachers. This is the fourth year the DOE is sponsoring the program.

"We know that schools are working hard to hire staff to teach world languages in order to meet their responsibilities under the Core Curriculum Content Standards," Commissioner of Education William L. Librera said. "Through this event, we hope to link world languages teacher candidates with school districts."

The World Languages event seeks to attract both college graduates who speak a language other than English, and native speakers of a non-English language who enjoy working with children. Candidates may either hold or be eligible to hold New Jersey teacher certification through New Jersey's alternate route or new conditional certification.

Of the people who have signed up for Saturday's program, 96 hold New Jersey teaching certificates in a world language; 96 hold out-of-state/country teaching certificates in world language; 131 have an undergraduate degree with 30 credits in a world language; and 290 have an undergraduate degree and advanced proficiency in a world language.

Saturday's event has applicants from 29 states, including Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, and six other countries. Among the largest numbers of people interested: 449 in New Jersey; 56 from New York; and 43 from Pennsylvania.

To be eligible for a conditional certificate, candidates must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.

Candidates must also possess oral linguistic competency in a language as demonstrated by receiving a minimum score of "Advanced-Low" on the Oral Proficiency Interview, a nationally recognized test developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

For renewal of the certificate, candidates must complete a three-semester hour course in world languages methodology within 12 months of obtaining the initial certificate. They must also demonstrate progress towards meeting all state requirements for standard licensure within a five-year period.

World Languages Teacher Recruitment Day is hosted by the Office of Academic and Professional Standards and supported by the department's teacher recruitment efforts in the Office of Innovative Programs. The initiative was first established in 2000 to help recruit new talent to the teaching profession, especially in areas of teacher shortage, such as world languages.

The World Languages program is one of the many initiatives Governor James E. McGreevey, Commissioner of Education William L. Librera and the Department of Education encourage and support for both teacher growth and innovative lessons for students in the state.