

# Global Competence Initiative

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# Overview of Current Projects

- Expansion of the current dual language program at elementary, middle level and high school
- Review of the current 7 – 12 World and Classical Language offerings
- Exploring options to increase elementary foreign language opportunities
- Investigating implementation of national language proficiency assessments

# Dr. Carl Falsgraf

- Recognized as a national leader and innovator in the field of language education
- Founder of the Center for Applied Second Language Studies (CASLS)
- Instrumental in the development of the first on-line proficiency assessments in the world
- Widely published in national and international journals on standards-based language education, assessment and professional development

# Naperville Global Competence Initiative

- Superior achievement in all academic areas
- Ability to function effectively in global society
- Mastery of English and at least one other language

# What is immersion?

- Teaching academic content through language
- At least 50% of the school day in another language

# Benefits of immersion

- Equal or greater academic achievement
- Equal or greater English language ability
- Cognitive benefits and deficits
- Limited professional proficiency

# What Can Go Wrong

- Lack of planning
- Lack of articulation
- Lack of information
- Lack of commitment

# Recommendations

- Offer immersion strand at all primaries by 2017
- Open first new program in 2013
- Use the next 20 months to plan for success
- Hire an immersion coordinator
- Define outcomes and evidence
  - Common Core
  - Global Competence
  - Language proficiency

# Long-term Timeline

2012	Recruitment and Planning
2013	2 new programs
2014	3 new programs
2015	3 new programs
2016	3 new programs
2017	Third graders exceed benchmarks

# Short-term timeline

February	Develop survey instruments
March	Public forums/conduct
April	Present strategic vision and plan
May/June	Recruit immersion coordinator
July	Select sites for first programs
September	Begin curriculum development
November	Prospective parent communication
January	Recruit teacher
March	Parents select strands
September	2 new programs begin

# What about Middle/High School?

- #1 reason for the failure of immersion programs
- Social, cognitive, and structural barriers
- Immersion=square peg, Chinese 1=round hole
- Think now about 2020
  - Which schools
  - Which approach
  - Consider online learning

# Questions

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