

## Executive Director Report 06/28/21

## **Updates**

We will begin working on our charter renewal to present to the County and State, fall of 2022.

DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) - Starting in July, we will continue training with our leadership team to continue the work we have started.

Global Seal of Biliteracy - THANK YOU to Sandra Daniel for making this possible. This year our 8th grade students were eligible for the Global Seal of Biliteracy. **We had over a third of our 8th grade class earn this seal.** 

We are credential with the Global Seal of Biliteracy. The Global Seal of Biliteracy is an international credential that conveys proficiency with language skills in two or more languages for our students. This credential offers a competitive advantage for our students by helping them earn scholarships, higher pay, college credit, increased study abroad opportunities and so much more. The Global Seal is and will be FREE for all. To learn more about the Global Seal of Biliteracy visit their website at <a href="https://www.theglobalseal.com">www.theglobalseal.com</a>.

## How does the Global Seal of Biliteracy differ from the U.S. State Seals of Biliteracy?

The Global Seal of Biliteracy is universal, it crosses state lines and can be issued in any country whereas the U.S. State Seals are generally available to students graduating from a public school in a state and individual district or school that has adopted the program (with some exceptions). The Global Seal of Biliteracy credentials all qualifying language learners, including those who have already graduated from high school, but would like to certify their language skills for academic or work purposes. The Global Seal is often used in partnership with state Seals to provide earlier benchmark awards or an alternative award to language learners above or below state Seal criteria. Schools often adopt both programs. Georgia does have a State Seal of Biliteracy for 11th and 12th graders.

## Reopening

We will enter the SY 21/22 with a 5 day a week in person learning environment. At this time, we will be wearing masks in the building until all students have had the opportunity to be vaccinated.

We are thrilled to announce a new partnership with Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health (RSPH) that will provide return-to-campus planning and COVID-19 communication support to the GLOBE community. A big Thank YOU to parents Lauren Christiansen-Lindquist and Dabney Evans for bringing this opportunity to us. Rachael Lewis, a Master of Public Health student at Emory will be working under the mentorship of these two GLOBE parents