



# Champlain Valley Educator Development Center

Collaborative Professional Learning to Support Vermont Schools

## *Language Immersion 101*

Planning for a Language Immersion Program in Your District

Facilitators: Michael Berry and Vicki Graf

Target Audience: Educational Leaders, Classroom & Foreign Language Teachers

We are fortunate that a local school district in Vermont is a model for others in the implementation of a Language Immersion Program. We know that children learn a second language more quickly than adults, and those who are immersed in it – through home or school, are able to benefit from the language in context and their own interests.

In our diverse, global world, being able to speak more than one language will serve our children well. This day-long workshop will help you think through:

- What Language Immersion is
- Where to start the conversation
  - Committee/community
  - Preschool
  - Language selection
  - School board
  - Foreign language teachers
  - Site visits
- Program Structure
- Pitfalls to avoid/ strategies to implement
- Partnerships to form
- Resources that can support your learning in this area

### **About our Facilitators:**

**Michael Berry** is the Montpelier/Roxbury SD Curriculum Director and previously worked with CESU to start a Kindergarten Elementary full immersion class where subjects are fully taught in Spanish and the cohort continues immersion learning as they move through the system at the central office perspective.

**Vicki Graf** is the principal of Jericho Elementary School. She has guided the work of the immersion class in her school through its layers of implementation, including the hiring process, its structure, communication and refinement.



### **Date:**

October 2, 2019

### **Hours:**

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

### **Location:**

Hampton Inn Event Center  
Colchester, VT

### **Cost:**

CVEDC Members:  
\$200  
Non-Members:  
\$225

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