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NCVPS Teachers Selected to Participate in the NC e-LinguaFolio Pilot Project

NCVPS teachers Teryn Bivens, Katya Decker, Robin Farber, Annette Frey, Denise Guidotti, Ebony Obewu, Lisa Stanioch, Nicole Swanson, Allen Tomlinson, Celine Wormhood and Maguy Yancey were selected to participate in the NC e-LinguaFolio Pilot Project! The K-12 Program Areas section of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is conducting this pilot as part of the comprehensive balanced assessment initiative in language learning programs: dual language/immersion, English as a Second Language (ESL), Spanish for Native Speakers (SNS) or other heritage languages, and world languages. This professional development opportunity will explore formative assessment practices and involve training on LinguaFolio, a formative assessment tool for language learners, including the electronic version of this tool, the e-LinguaFolio.

Participants will be provided the following:

- Research-based professional development on language acquisition, formative assessment, and LinguaFolio.
- Tools to successfully implement the e-LinguaFolio and LinguaFolio-like activities in their classrooms.
- Ongoing communication, support, and collaboration with the e-LinguaFolio pilot group.

The expectations of the participants are to:

- Attend all sessions of the LinguaFolio Institute on August 2-6, 2010.
- Implement formative assessment and LinguaFolio subsequent to training.
- Participate in the pilot activities for e-LinguaFolio, including the LinguaFolio Institute; follow-up meetings on October 2, 2010; February 26, 2011; and a date in mid-June, 2011; webinars scheduled throughout the academic year and the use of the wiki or other online collaboration tool to share materials and ideas.
- Build capacity within the state at the district and school level by promoting LinguaFolio as a formative assessment tool.
- Provide feedback on the design and implementation of e-LinguaFolio for the purpose of revising this tool for use by all language learners in North Carolina.

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