



Hello, Fellow Foreign Language Teachers,

I am happy to serve as your president of the elementary and secondary section for this two-year term that began October 25, 2014, when you elected me at our state meeting at Lake Tiak O'Khata. I hope to grow as a result of this position and help you to grow, too, as we focus on how we can make what I feel is the best Professional Learning Community even better-MFLA.

Our group divided into 3 subsections at our state meeting to help foster more local contact and support with one another based on where one resides in the state. Our hope is that through more local contact with one another throughout the year, we can have the on-going support of and camaraderie with other teachers who understand the idiosyncrasies of teaching a foreign language and can also serve as an encouragement to one another. Hopefully, when we gather together, we can prepare and practice presentations for the annual state meeting, vent, encourage one another, and share ideas and friendship. You can encourage fellow language teachers now to make contact with your regional group or seek out a regional group in their area by posting their contact information on the MFLA Facebook page. I will soon send out an email update with the new emails that I was given at the state meeting.

My goals for our section include encouraging more of our colleagues to join us in our regional groups, creating more regional activities to help make the benefits of MFLA more available to other foreign language teachers in our area, and encouraging more of our fellow teachers to go a step further and more at the state level.

Please feel free to contact me at [dmcmillen@pcsd.k12.ms.us](mailto:dmcmillen@pcsd.k12.ms.us), and I am excited about what the future holds for us and the energy that started at our MFLA conference in October. Take care.

Sincerely,

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