

September 18, 2023

Dear Board Member,

As a language teacher, I strive to use best practices and to continue to grow. One area that I could improve my teaching is in the area of assessments. I really want to give the students assessments that test what I want them to test, and really allow students to show me what they can do in the language. Every year, the ESU enables us to get together with other language teachers and learn and grow together. This year, we were able to bring Scott Benedict, due to a grant that we received. It is not only an awesome opportunity for new language teachers, but for those of us who have been teaching for a while. He offers another training on assessments, and I feel that that training would benefit me, my department members and our students.

Tamina Hartman

Spanish Dual Credit and French teacher at North Platte High School

Head of Modern Languages Department

September 21, 2023

Dear Board Member,

I am in my second year of teaching, and as such, I have put in way too many extra hours at the school trying to do what is best for our students. As a teacher, I'm looking for the best ways to do something so I don't have to work as late. It's a long process for me and I'm still figuring it out, but with these workshops the ESU provides, I feel there's less to figure out. I can learn from others who already have it figured out. Not only can I learn from each presenter, but also my other language teachers in our area who can share what works with them and their students and I can try it with mine. Due to the grant we received, we were able to bring Scott Benedict to present. Scott offers another training session on assessments. I hope to learn more about his methods of assessment and how I can apply it to my classroom. I hope to learn how I can assess my students in a way that helps them show me they know the language and hopefully will allow me to do so in an efficient manner. This training will not only benefit myself, but also my colleagues and our students.

Bryan Hill  
Spanish teacher at North Platte High School

October 6th, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

Hello, my name is Sandra Mejia and I am a language teacher at North Platte High School. I have been teaching for 10 years and have attended every foreign language workshop at ESU16 since I began teaching. Attending these workshops has helped me become a better language teacher. I love that I get a change to collaborate with other language teachers, exchange activities, and learn new strategies. It is very important that we have these opportunities so we can learn about the new methods and strategies in world languages. I learned a lot from Scott Benedict in our Fall workshop and it would be very valuable to do a followup workshop on assessment with him again in the spring. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Mejia  
NHPS Spanish Teacher

TO: John Applegate Board Members  
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