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Biliteracy for All - Embracing Multilingual Journeys

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Dr. José Medina's Bio:

Dr. José Medina is the founder and Chief Educational Advocate for Dr. José Medina: Educational Solutions. Prior to establishing the boutique consulting firm, Dr. Medina served as Research Scientist and Director of Global Languages and Culture at the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) in Washington, DC. José provides dual language technical assistance, professional development, and job-embedded support to dual language programs across the United States and globally. He is a former dual language school principal and district leader. José has served as an administrator/educator/advocate at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Dr. Medina is a co-author of the third edition and widely-used Guiding Principles for Dual Language Education. He is also the author of three bilingual poetry books based on his testimonio.

Keynote with Dr. José Medina

Linguistic Liberation for All 8:45-9:45am

Linguistic oppression is a reality for all culturally and linguistically diverse student communities in the United States. As educators, often without realizing it, we may align with language ideologies that further perpetuate that oppression. Participants in this session will have an opportunity to reflect on current practices, while also interacting with biliteracy instructional practices that move us closer towards linguistic liberation for all.

Dr. Medina's Breakout Session 10am-11:30am

Leveraging the Five Cross-Linguistic Tools for Linguistic Liberation

Embracing translanguaging research, metalinguistic awareness, and cross-linguistic connections are a must when serving culturally and linguistically diverse student communities. Participants in this session will plan for bridge level 1, bridge level 2, bridge centers, bridge moments, and bridge tasks to empower students to leverage their full linguistic prowess