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WSWHE BOCES Expands Summer Foreign Language Programs

SARATOGA, NY – The WSWHE BOCES Language and Cultural Resource Center has expanded its 2008 Summer Foreign Language Immersion Programs to include multiple week-long sessions for both elementary and secondary school students.

The program for elementary students entering grades 1-6 will be held at the Lake Avenue Elementary School in Saratoga Springs in consecutive week-long sessions July 7-11, July 14-18, and July 21-25. Students will explore music, art, stories, food, and games from a variety of different cultures while being introduced to one of five different foreign language options: Spanish, French, Chinese, Irish or Arabic. Class size will be limited to 16 students and family members of program participants will be invited to participate in class activities each Friday. Cost of the program is \$150 per week with payment due on June 1st.

New for this year is a program for secondary students entering grades 7-12. This program will be held at the Adirondack Community College campus in Queensbury in consecutive week-long sessions July 28-August 1 and August 4-August 8. Students will explore music, art, food, games, and sports while being introduced to one of four different foreign language options: Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, or Arabic. Class size will be limited to 20 students with family activities and field trips also planned. Program costs are \$150 per week for Spanish, French, or Arabic and \$25 per week for Mandarin Chinese. Payment is due June 1st.

WSWHE BOCES joins educational institutions nationwide as they take advantage of funding offered through the National Security Language Initiative to increase language learning opportunities particularly in critical languages such as Chinese and Arabic.

The WSWHE BOCES Language and Culture Resource Center promotes initiatives that increase the language proficiency, language diversity, and cultural awareness of the students in our component districts. For more information about summer language programs, contact Peggy Sharkey at the WSWHE BOCES Language and Culture Resource Center at 518-581-3581 or visit www.wswheboces.org/lcrc.

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