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St. Louis Language Immersion Schools Become the 6th Mosaic Ambassador School

ST. LOUIS, MO - April 2, 2015 - The St. Louis Language Immersion School (SLLIS) is proud to announce that it will partner with the St. Louis Mosaic Project to become the 6th Mosaic Ambassador School. Aligned with the St. Louis Mosaic Project's mission, SLLIS offers a holistic, intellectually inspiring language immersion program that prepares all students for the global workforce while fostering an internationally welcoming environment in St. Louis.

The St. Louis Mosaic Project is very excited to partner with SLLIS, according to the Mosaic Project's program manager, Vin Ko, "The partnership between SLLIS and the Mosaic Ambassador program is a perfect match. The opportunity these students have is incredibly unique. Being fully immersed in French, Spanish and Chinese during the school day, students develop an understanding and interest in the global community. By partnering with the Mosaic Project, SLLIS is seizing the opportunity to engage and build upon their own mission and extend their inclusiveness across communities in St. Louis."

SLLIS has a targeted action plan to spread awareness of our global communities and contribute to the success of the St. Louis Mosaic Project. The school plans to host a foreign-born entrepreneur to speak to their middle-school students and After-School Program. They will continue their inclusive school traditions such as the Hispanic Heritage Festival, Beaujolais Nouveau, Moon Festival, Chinese New Year Celebration, and Taste of the World International Festival. Additionally, SLLIS will identify at least five employees to be Mosaic Ambassadors, one of Mosaic's programs that helps cultivate an inclusive community for international families and newcomers to the St. Louis region. "In our sixth school year, it is a natural extension of our Vision and Core Values to partner with the St. Louis Mosaic Project. We are committed to a St. Louis community that celebrates innovation and international-mindedness" says Rhonda Broussard, Founder and President of St. Louis Language Immersion Schools.

About the St. Louis Mosaic Project

The St. Louis Mosaic Project was launched in 2012 in response to an economic impact report, outlining St. Louis to be lagging in immigrant growth as well as highlighting the economic benefits of increasing its foreign-born population. The Mosaic Project's goal is to transform St. Louis into the fastest growing metropolitan area for immigration by 2020 and promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. This regional initiative is professionally managed by the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, World Trade Center St. Louis and a 22- Member Committee.

For more information about The St. Louis Mosaic Project, please visit www.StLMosaicProject.org

About St. Louis Language Immersion School

St. Louis Language Immersion Schools is a network of tuition free, public, charter schools in the city of St. Louis, offering immersion education in Mandarin, Spanish and French for Kindergarten through 6th grade. Over 850 students are enrolled from 48 different zip codes – 12% of whom live outside St. Louis City. The school network Learn more about St. Louis Language Immersion School at <http://sllis.org/about/>

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implements the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme curricular framework that position students as investigators and establish learning through inquiry. When SLLIS graduates its founding class in 2021, students will be bilingual and bi-literate, proficient in a third language, earning a Missouri state high school diploma and an International Baccalaureate diploma.

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