



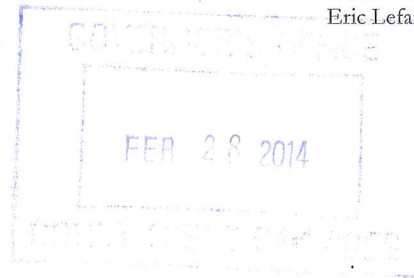
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Dear Governor Patrick:

You are cordially invited to participate in the Taunton High School tradition of celebrating National Foreign Language Week. This year the theme, "Don't Let Learning a Language Slip Through Your Fingers" will be celebrated from March 10, 2014 to March 13, 2014. The kickoff event will happen Friday, March 7, 2014 at 6:30pm in the high school auditorium. The department will be hosting *Taunton's Got Talent-International* talent showcase.

The talent showcase will feature students and teachers with international themed talents. Acts range from an ode to the World Cup to Fado to Irish step dancing. Each day during the school week is devoted to a different topic. Monday is Music Day in the auditorium all day. There will be musical performances by students and dance lessons and a Fado workshop by teachers. On Tuesday we will have guest speakers in the auditorium speaking on international travel, the tradition of the Ides of March and the culture and customs of Jordan. The Portuguese Consul will also be speaking to the students. Wednesday is an art themed day, when students explore famous artists in the language they study and have an opportunity to do "hands on" activities. Thursday is International Food Day, with lessons in each class connecting food from the countries of the languages studied to the Massachusetts Foreign Language Curriculum Frameworks of Culture, Comparisons, Communities and Connections. Also on Thursday the time honored tradition of the annual "Ides of March" procession, presented by the Latin Club, starts at 9:30 a.m. in the house lobbies and proceeds to the main lobby and then the auditorium.

Throughout the week announcements will be made in the morning and afternoon in various languages. And if you walk through the building you will see student created posters. Stop by the teacher's cafeteria in the mornings to sample ethnic inspired refreshments and vote on the poster contest finalists.

We hope you will be able to join us for some part of our celebration. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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