

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 202

Is presenting a virtual workshop

NO CHILD LEFT MONOLINGUAL

Exploring the importance of being
bilingual/multilingual

Thursday, April 29, 2021

6:00 p.m. – English

7:00 pm – Spanish
Via Zoom

No need to register, simply click on the link for the
workshop you are planning to attend

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Presented by: Dr. Kim Potowski



Dr. Kim Potowski is Professor of Spanish linguistics at the University of Illinois at Chicago, with courtesy appointments in Latin American and Latino Studies and in Curriculum and Instruction. Her research focuses on Spanish in the U.S., including factors that influence intergenerational language transmission as well as connections between language, education, and identity.

You will not want to miss this webinar!

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The U.S. has always been a linguistically diverse nation, but the overall climate usually discourages and sometimes outright discriminates against the use of non-English languages. The grandchildren of immigrants often don't speak their grandparents' language anymore, which represents a huge loss to families and to the nation's diversity. In addition, overall we don't do a great job of teaching languages to monolingual English-speakers. This talk explores several myths about languages in the U.S. and presents arguments and strategies that favor promoting multilingualism among our population.

Being bilingual or multilingual
opens social and cultural
opportunities.

Knowing a second language or
more gives you the opportunity to
communicate with more people
around the world.

Being bilingual is a lifelong
benefit in life.

