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that promotes multilingualism, equity and social justice in school and community settings

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Dear Registrants, Presenters, Vendors, Invited Guests,

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the postponement of the Southern New England Regional Dual Language Conference on March 21. We are following the recommendation of the Mass. Dept. of Public Health regarding the cancellation or postponement of large gatherings in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. We apologize for the late notice but we have been closely following the state recommendations which have been updated daily in response to the changing nature of the health crisis.

We are happy to say that the Framingham Public Schools has agreed to host the conference on Sept. 26, 2020, and we are hoping that, as much as possible, we will be able to replicate the exceptional professional development sessions and events that we had planned. We are also hoping that many of you will still be able to attend, present and contribute to making this conference a great success.

We understand that there will be some who will not be able to comfortably accommodate this change in date and we are working on systems to be able to ensure a smooth resolution for each of you. Please be patient with us as we figure out how to proceed in this unprecedented situation. Watch for more information in the next few weeks as to cancellations, refunds, school visits, etc.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and are sad and sorry that we will not be hugging and greeting you all next Saturday.

Best Regards,

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