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**New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers & Classical
Association of the Empire State
Annual Meeting
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The 90th Annual Meeting of the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers (NYSAFLT) will be held jointly with the Classical Association of the Empire State (CAES) at the Clarion Riverside Hotel in Rochester, New York. This year's theme is Languages: Connecting Students to the World. Carol Bellamy, President and CEO of World Learning, President of the School for International Training, and Former Executive Director of UNICEF, will be the keynote speaker.

More than 600 foreign language professionals are expected to attend over 90 workshops focusing on topics such as Meeting the NYS Standards, Total Physical Response Storytelling (TPRS), Advanced Placement Examinations, Music and Cinema in the classroom, Increasing Time on Task, and Strategies for the Non-Native Language Teacher. Some workshops will be offered in French, Spanish, German, Italian or Latin. There will also be a variety of swap shops, cultural updates and panel discussions.

NYSAFLT is a professional organization dedicated to providing the foreign language teachers of New York State with professional development opportunities and promoting the study of foreign languages and cultures.

CAES is a professional organization dedicated to promoting the teaching and learning of Latin and classical civilization in the schools and colleges of New York State. Like NYSAFLT does for modern language teachers, so CAES seeks to provide professional development for teachers of classical languages. Founded in Albany in 1963, CAES has sponsored an Annual Institute each fall since 1964, making this its 44th meeting. This will be the third time CAES has met jointly with NYSAFLT.

LOTE (Languages Other Than English) is a core subject area in New York State. All students are required to earn one high school credit in a modern or classical foreign language or American Sign Language. **NYSAFLT AND CAES ENCOURAGE continued language study beyond this minimum requirement in order to prepare our students to meet the challenges of today's global community.**