

*CLTA-WA Spring Workshop*  
*by*  
*Dr. Myriam (Mimi) Met*  
*on*  
*“Collaborative Learning Activities”*



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**Date:** Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Lakeside School Upper School, Wright Community Center  
14050 1st Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98125-3099

**Fee:** US\$15.00

**Clock Hour:** 6 clock hours provided by OSPI

**Language:** The workshop will be conducted in English

**Topic:** Collaborative Learning Activities

Cooperative learning activities can provide a variety of ways in which foreign language teachers can increase opportunities for students to speak the target language. At all levels of instruction, work in pairs and small groups allows students to be involved in meaningful communication and motivated to use the language. This workshop will explore a variety of pair and group formats developed by Spencer Kagan for general educational settings and apply them to specific foreign language activities.

**Dr. Myriam Met** is currently an independent consultant, having recently retired from the University of Maryland where she was Acting Director, Deputy Director, and a Senior Research Associate at the National Foreign Language Center (NFLC). At the NFLC she was on the leadership team for StarTalk, a major program of the National Security Language Initiative.

Dr. Met's current work focuses on strategic support for K-12 programs for foreign language learners and for students learning English. Her previous positions include supervisor of foreign language programs, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and bilingual education for major urban and suburban school districts, including responsibility for designing, implementing, and supervising a variety of immersion program models. As a K-12 supervisor, Dr. Met was responsible for initiating and overseeing innovative programs, including programs in less commonly taught languages. These programs included:

#### Secondary school Chinese programs

- The first Mandarin immersion program in a public elementary school in the US
- One of the first magnet programs in the US to offer Chinese, Arabic, Japanese or Russian to students in grades K-5
- Content-integrated school wide programs in Chinese and Japanese for students in Grades 3-5
- After-school programs in Arabic and Chinese

Dr. Met was one of the founders of the Ohio Association for Bilingual Education, the founder and first president of the National Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Languages; a founding member, and later president, of the National Network for Early Language Learning; and served on the Executive Council of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. She is currently on the Editorial Board of its journal, *Foreign Language Annals*. She has provided consultant services to school districts, state departments of education within the US, ministries of education abroad, universities, professional associations and private agencies throughout the United States, as well as in Europe, Asia, South America, and Canada. The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages recognized her with the Anthony Papalia for Excellence in Teacher Education in 1996, and with the prestigious Florence Steiner Award in 1983 for leadership in K-12 education.