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Hello All,

*As we begin another school year, I do hope that you found time this summer to relax, expand your interests or pursue professional experiences that were worthwhile. At AERO we did our best to make a contribution to the learning of over 80 educators who attended the Summer Institute. They represented schools in 32 countries from every region of the world. For the first time in the history of the Institute, teachers from the Ukraine, Haiti and Macedonia joined us for the week-long sessions. The World Languages group was especially diverse with more than seven languages spoken, including French, Portuguese, Dutch, Russian, Polish, Arabic and Spanish.*

*We wish that all of you had been able to be part of the Institute, but even if you were not, we want you to benefit from the work that was accomplished. Those participants in the subject strands of World Languages, Visual Arts and English are working to complete standards-based units of instruction which we will post on the AERO Web site and offer to anyone who might be interested in seeing what exemplary units look like.*

*The work continues with the refinement of the Mathematics standards and the addition of performance indicators. These will be vetted during the school year by a group of math educators who will work with Erma Anderson. Our goal is to create a document which will provide immense guidance to teachers in the field. Many of the AERO faculty will be presenting at regional conferences during the year. The key issues that schools wrestle with as they become more standards-based will be addressed in the sessions. Look for more information on the topics, locations, dates, etc. on this site.*

*We look forward to seeing many of you this year.*

*Naomi Woolsey, AERO Project Director*

