



# LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOLS

## News Release

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### **ELD Instruction Interest is Ignited During International Educator Visit**

Immediately upon return from Thanksgiving Break, seven educator delegates from Language Centers throughout Russia visited Rancho Elementary School in Spring Valley to observe Integrated English Language Development (ELD) in a variety of classrooms. Afterward, La Mesa-Spring Valley Schools EL Coordinator, Katie Sedgwick, joined Executive Director of Innovation and Engagement, Meg Jacobsen Ed.D., Principal Elisa Holston-Arteaga, and Breakthrough English Resource Teachers: Tara Bernal, and Emily Scheitlin. The group met for a data presentation, “Igniting ELD” Seminar Professional Learning for teachers’ overview, and an outline of the district’s “Breakthrough English” program for newcomer students.



This was not the first time La Mesa-Spring Valley Schools has hosted educators from around the world to learn how best to provide English language instruction. Last year, the district hosted an additional seven delegates from Bolivia, Georgia, China, Russia, Tunisia, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.

Reflecting on the day’s events, Jessica Frank, IVLP Program Manager from the San Diego Diplomacy Council shared, “We appreciate all of the wonderful ELD work that you are doing in our communities, and for taking the time out of your busy schedules to share your knowledge, experience, and insight with our English language educators from Russia. They enjoyed and valued visiting classrooms, seeing your teaching techniques in action, and learning about your ELD programs. It would be wonderful if a reciprocal exchange could indeed happen as a result of their visit.”