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Dear Mrs. Christman:

On behalf of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the State Department, I am delighted to inform you that Southern Lehigh Middle School has been selected to host a teacher of Arabic as part of the 2012-2013 Teachers of Critical Languages Program.

The Teachers of Critical Languages Program is one of several State Department initiatives that support U.S. youth, students, teachers, and professors in learning critical world languages through instruction in the U.S. and abroad. In particular, this program is designed to help U.S. schools and districts expand Mandarin and Arabic foreign language programs.

The U.S. Department of State has sponsored 127 teachers of Arabic and Mandarin under this program since 2006. These teachers have contributed to developing and existing critical need language programs at the elementary and secondary level in over 30 different U.S. states.

We partner with American Councils for International Education, a Washington, DC organization that implements the program. Enclosed you will find important program information and materials from American Councils to help you prepare for the program. Please carefully read the 2012 Terms and Conditions for Program Participation, and contact American Councils if you have questions.

Congratulations to your school and community for being accepted into this program, and we look forward to meeting the principal at the Spring Workshop in May and the mentor teacher at the Host School Orientation in Washington, DC in August 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Gibson".

Jennifer Gibson
Branch Chief
Teacher Exchange Programs