Facilitating Conversations and Actions in Support of Inclusive Language Education

Questions for Those	Questions for Those	Possible Follow-up
Leading "from the Top"	Leading "from the Bottom"	Actions
 What are some of the learning strengths and learning needs in your classes? How have you leveraged those strengths or responded to those needs? What supports and resources have you used to help your students? What supports and resources do you think would be of additional help? What do you want to know about or know how to do to better support the students in your class? What questions about student needs or teaching would you like help answering? Tell me about a success story with a student. What do you see as your role in facilitating that success? When you encounter a student who is having difficulty in your class, what do you do? 	 What were your experiences as a language learner or with language learning? How do those experiences inform what you do now? Besides the actual words used to express ideas in another language, what do you believe is gained by studying another language? In your view, how is teaching a language similar to or different from teaching any other content? When students have challenges in a classroom, what sorts of supports have you recommended to teachers? (Once you have a reply, ask, "How do these recommendations overlap with what you think happens in a language classroom?") What sort of information would you like to read or review to see how inclusive language education could be better supported here? Would you like to visit my class and see how I work with all of these students? 	 Form a book club, using a professional learning text focused on inclusive language education. (We have a few suggestions!) Locate additional readings to extend your learning in this area. Reach out to local scholars and researchers and/or advocacy organizations and find out whether they would share their insights or experiences. Engage in online discussions with learning communities about the topic. Arrange classroom visits and debrief the visits over coffee. Make a visit less like a formal observation.

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