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CENTER GROVE, IN (September 19, 2013)—Center Grove Community School Corporation is pleased to announce it is moving forward with plans to expand its World Languages program in grades 3-8. The plans were announced Thursday at a meeting of the Center Grove Board of School Trustees.

"The Strategic Planning Committee has requested Center Grove look for ways to add more academic rigor to our curriculum," said Curriculum Director Dr. Wendy Kruger. "Studies show students who learn World Languages and cultures become better learners. They have a greater world understanding and are better prepared to compete in the business world."

The expanded World Languages curriculum would be added in the 2014-15 school year. The elementary curriculum was piloted this year in grades 3-5 at Maple Grove Elementary School. It is a blended program where students take the course online with a teaching assistant.

To accommodate the expanded curriculum, the district is working through a plan to reorganize middle school Family and Consumer Sciences coursework to the high school. "The Strategic Planning Committee prioritized World Languages and asked administrators to find a way to expand the current curriculum," said Superintendent Rich Arkanoff. "While I fully support the expansion of the World Languages curriculum, our middle schools do not have the financial resources or the time in their students' schedules to fit everything."

The planned expansion of the World Languages curriculum in grades 3-8 and potential reorganization of FACS curriculum from middle school to high school would result in a net gain of one full-time teaching position and four assistants for the corporation.

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