

Address to the Escambia County School Board Town Hall Meeting  
January 9, 2020

Good evening, School Board Panel members,

My name is Dr. Arlene Costello, President of Emerald Coast Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (ECTESOL), a Chapter of the Sunshine State TESOL. I represent both organizations. Both organizations are leading and trusted sources of information in English language teaching for English learners in the state of Florida.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you tonight regarding the most critical issues that are crucial in English language learning of ELs which the new Superintendent will need to understand and embrace.

1. Diversity, inclusion, and multicultural education that impact the teaching and learning environment of ELs.
2. Representation of the Emerald Coast TESOL during the interview process of the applicants for the Superintendent of Schools.
3. The addition of ECTESOL as your professional resource when it comes to English language teaching for English learners K12 and beyond.
4. Further, that these concepts be included in the Escambia County Schools vision, mission and strategic plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you. I am looking forward to hearing from you regarding our request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Arlene Costello  
President  
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Sunshine State TESOL

