

The Ohio Association of Teachers of Japanese
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The Ohio Association of Teachers of Japanese (OATJ) has...

- Changed the OATJ Spring Workshop on April 26 (Sunday) to be held online through Zoom for anyone across the US who is interested. Emails were sent to OATJ members, then AATJ (American Association of Teachers of Japanese) sent the email to all state affiliates and then the invitation was sent to OFLA to invite all OFLA members.
 - OATJ is pleased to welcome Jessica Haxhi who is the Supervisor of World Languages for New Haven Public Schools in Connecticut. She will present on the following:
 - In this presentation, we will discuss the essential components to maintaining a Japanese language program in the long-term, from curriculum and instruction to publications and events. The presenter will use examples from a PreK-5 program that she established in 1994, as well as examples from her current role overseeing K-12 language programs for New Haven Public Schools in Connecticut. The second hour will include time for individual program advocacy self-assessment, structured collaboration with other participants, and feedback from the presenter.

- Contacted Japanese teachers in Ohio by email about renewing their membership with AATJ (American Association of Teachers of Japanese)

The Ohio Association of Teachers of Japanese (OATJ) will be:

- Planning the guest speaker for the Fall Conference in November. We are hoping to invite someone from AVANT to talk about the STAMP test. We hope to invite all foreign language teachers in Ohio to join. Teachers who join do not get the registration rate discounted. All people who join will pay the same amount. This has yet to be decided.

Respectfully submitted,

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