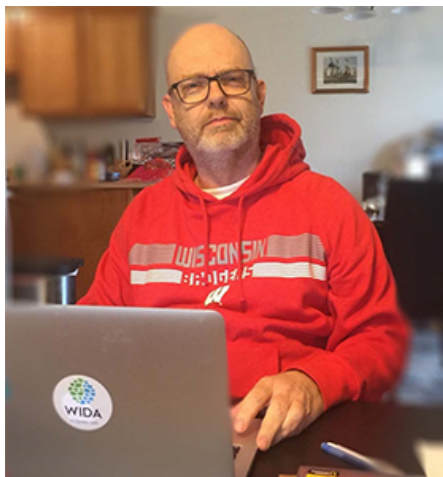




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A special message from Tim Boals, WIDA Founder and Director



Dear WIDA community,

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we know you are worried about your students, your community, and the world - WIDA is too. We cannot predict how the spread of the coronavirus will affect schools tomorrow, next week or months from now. However, we do know that educators across the world are leaders in understanding the power of unity, patience, and kindness. It is because of your steadfast commitment to multilingual learners and youth that our communities will persevere.

During this uncertain time, we remain committed to you by:

- Connecting with educators to provide support and share resources to serve the global education community.
- Encouraging educators to stay connected and share resources through our social media channels: [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Fielding calls and emails from educators via our Client Services Center - feel free to reach out with questions! help@wida.us or 866-276-7735
- Adding relevant and timely COVID-19 updates to our website wida.wisc.edu

WIDA, as an organization, recognizes our connection to humanity and understands the human complexities that global situations like this pandemic can evoke. In times like these, we must remain kind, we must remain strong, we must protect those that we can protect. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for all that you do to serve children and the community. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Boals".

Tim Boals, WIDA Founder and Director