

Resolved, that the Rhode Island ELL/LEP Advisory Council:

- ❖ Endorses the following *TESOL Position Statements* with respect to the importance of the native language in the acquisition of English and in promoting academic achievement for English Language Learners:
  - Native Language Support in the Acquisition of English as a Second Language (December 1999)*
  - Multilingualism (October 2004)*
  - Diversity of English Language Learners in the United States (October 2006)*
  - Language and Literacy Development for Young English Language Learners (October 2001)*
  
- ❖ Recommends that these well-informed position statements be honored in the formulation of assessment and instructional educational policies in Rhode Island for English Language Learners