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MESSAGE FROM JIM CARROLL - 2016 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Welcome to this edition of Ed-Connect. In this edition you will find helpful information to support you in preparing for the spring 2016 assessments. Also, please don't forget to save-the-date for the January Teacher Leader Collaborations starting on January 20, 2015.



Please click [here](#) to view a message from Jim Carroll, 2016 High School Principal of the Year.

REGISTER FOR THE JANUARY TEACHER LEADER COLLABORATION EVENT

Register today for one of the [January Teacher Leader Collaboration Events](#). These meetings will take place in the following locations:

- **January 20:** Baton Rouge
- **January 25:** Thibodaux
- **January 27:** Natchitoches
- **January 28:** Lafayette

Sessions at the Teacher Leader Collaborations will include information on: instructional strategies for ELA, math, social studies and science, preparing for 2015-2016 end of year assessments, using data from 2014-2015 to inform instruction, and choosing the right high school pathways for LAA1 students.

Click [here](#) for more information about these events including session descriptions and how to register. Each meeting has a limited number of spots, which will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Register today to reserve a spot!

2015-2016 PRACTICE TESTS

The grades 3-8 English language arts and mathematics paper practice tests will be released over the next two weeks. The mathematics paper practice tests will post to the [Practice Tests page](#) the week of January 11 with the ELA practice tests to follow the week of January 18. The online practice test is anticipated to remain on time, releasing at the end of January. If you have additional questions please email us at assessment@la.gov.

DOWNLOAD THE NEWLY RELEASED SCIENCE TASKS

The Department has released additional [instructional tasks for science](#) that can be integrated into any science curriculum. These downloadable tasks:

- incorporate a variety of sources for students to read,
- include rigorous writing prompts,
- can be modified to meet the needs of the students in your classroom.

If you have any questions, please contact, ClassroomSupportToolbox@la.gov.

REGISTER FOR THE UPCOMING MDC TRAININGS

The Math Design Collaborative (MDC) provides quality trainings for middle and high school math teachers. Sessions are led by Louisiana educators and focus on integrating high quality tasks into the curriculum, fostering rich math conversations among students, and analyzing student work.

[Register](#) today for sessions in Bossier on February 24 and Lafayette on March 10 (new date). Contact LouisianaTeacherLeaders@la.gov with questions or to find out more information. Registration is free for all participants.

SAVE THE DATE: 2016 TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT

The 2016 Teacher Leader Summit will take place at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans on May 31-June 3. The Department will release additional information about this event, including the sessions that will be offered and how to register, in the coming months. Stay tuned!

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