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MESSAGE FROM PABLO PATO - 2016 LOUISIANA ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Welcome to this edition of Ed-Connect. In this edition you will find helpful information to support classroom instruction and upcoming state assessments. Also, remember to save the week of May 31, 2016, for the Teacher Leader Summit.



Please click [here](#) to view a message from Pablo Pato, 2016 Louisiana Elementary Teacher of the Year.

DOWNLOAD 2015-2016 ASSESSMENT RESOURCES

The Department continues to release assessment tools and resources to support teachers in their preparation for the spring assessments. New resources recently released include:

- [2015-2016 Assessment Guides](#) for grades 3-8 ELA, math, science, and social studies, English II and III, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, and U.S. History.
- [Paper-Based Practice Tests](#): ELA and math paper-based practice tests and scoring guides for grades 3-8 were released in January. These tests serve as a simulation for both teachers and students to prepare for the spring assessments.
- **Online Practice Tests and Training Tool**: To support teachers in preparation for online testing this spring and to determine students' readiness for the new online testing platform, online practice tests for grades 3-8 ELA and math and the Online Training Tool (OTT) will be released by the end of next week in INSIGHT.

Please contact assessment@la.gov with questions.

DOWNLOAD THE NEW SCIENCE INSTRUCTIONAL TASKS

The Department has released additional [science instructional tasks](#) that can be implemented into any science curriculum. These tasks incorporate a variety of sources for students to read and rigorous prompts for students to practice writing constructed responses. The tasks are downloadable and can be modified to meet the needs of students in each classroom.

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

REGISTER FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH MATH DESIGN COLLABORATIVES

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. Registration is free for all participants.

Contact LouisianaTeacherLeaders@la.gov with questions or to find out more information.

SAVE THE DATE: 2016 TEACHER LEADER SUMMIT

The 2016 Teacher Leader Summit will be held at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans May 31 through June 3, 2016. The Department will release additional information in early April about the summit, including the specific sessions that will be offered.

Please contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov with questions about these events.

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