

TEACHER LEADERS

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December 2019

Dear Colleagues,

This holiday season, I write to express my gratitude to you, on behalf of our state, for all that you have done for our students. As I reflect on everything we Louisianans have to be grateful for during the holidays, I am abundantly thankful for the blessings you bestow on our children as part of your daily work.

At this time of year, we educators may rush to grade mid-terms or finals, just as we may breathe a little easier knowing that a break is around the corner. We may look ahead to the next semester with anticipation, just as we realize how much planning it will take to get ready. Among the burdens teachers bear is that, in some sense, teachers never really get a break. Your kids are always with you; if they're not in front of you, even if they're on break, they're in your thoughts and in your prayers.

That's a tall order to ask of anyone. We ask teachers to give a lot and to give up a lot. In a season most of us spend thinking about the wants and dreams of our children, teachers remain responsible for all children.

My hope is that Louisiana's teachers get some small part of that debt repaid this holiday season. Whether it's a small gift, a big meal, or a quiet prayer, I hope you have a moment this season when you can feel the deep and profound gratitude around you, the special gratitude for teachers, from the children, families, and colleagues who surround them every day.

As a father, an educator, and a colleague, I send you all gratitude and best wishes for the holidays.

As always, thank you for all you do for our children,

John

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MATH RESOURCES

Grade 6 Eureka Remediation Tools

The Department is currently working to enhance the [Grade 6 Eureka Remediation Tools](#). These enhancements provide teachers with additional resources for supporting students who have unfinished learning in accessing grade level content. Updated versions of the [Grade 6 Eureka Remediation Tools](#) for Module 2, Topics A-C and Module 4, Topics A and D with targeted mini lessons and student activity sheets are now available.

Grade 6 Eureka Remediation Tool	Projected Material Updates
Module 2, Topic A	Available now
Module 2, Topic B	Available now
Module 2, Topic C	Available now
Module 4, Topic A	Available now
Module 4, Topic D	Available now
Module 4, Topic G	January 16

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES

Social Studies Fall Professional Development

As previously announced, the Department is hosting professional development across the state this fall. All sessions are fully booked at this time. The session slides from the professional development are [now available](#).

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

SCIENCE RESOURCES

OpenSciEd Professional Development

The Department is supporting the implementation of high-quality curriculum through professional development opportunities on OpenSciEd, an open-sourced middle school curriculum. Middle school educators can register to attend the two-day training using the links below.

Date	Location
January 28-29	Bossier City, LA
February 4-5	Baton Rouge, LA

Please contact dana-k12@austin.utexas.edu with questions.

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), the nation's highest honors for teachers of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science, have opened their 2019-2020 nomination and application cycle for K through 6th grade teachers. The 2019-2020 nomination deadline is **March 1** and the application deadline is **May 1**. Please [nominate a talented teacher](#) today!

Please contact info@paemst.org with questions.

New Orleans NSTA Area Conference

The National Science Teachers Association is currently accepting proposals for the [2020 NSTA Area Conference](#) to be held in New Orleans from November 19-21, 2020.

The theme for the 2020 area conference is "EnGULF Science Education," and the three conference strands are:

- Sustaining the Big Blue Planet,
- Diving into Science Literacy, and
- Immersing in 3-Dimensional Learning.

Those interested in presenting at the conference should complete the [online submission form](#). The submission deadline for proposals is **January 15**.

Please contact nathancotten@tpsd.org with questions.

EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher Leader Summit 2020 Registration

The 2020 Teacher Leader Summit will take place May 27-29 at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. The Department has published an [overview document](#) to address the most frequently asked questions.

- Early Bird Registration (**January 10**-March 1)
- Regular registration (March 2 through May 11)
- On-site registration for those who do not register by May 11

To help offset the cost of running a high-quality, multi-day event for thousands of Louisiana educators, the Department will charge a small registration fee for the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit. This fee will cover:

- admission to conference,
- conference sessions, and
- lunch May 27 and May 28.

Description	1-Day Ticket	3-Day Ticket
Early Bird Registration (January 10-March 1)	\$35	\$80
Regular Registration (March 2-May 11)	\$45	\$100
On-site Registration (May 27-29)	\$60	N/A

Educators can receive a discount by registering early and registering for all three days at once. Educators can choose to not eat the lunch provided, but may not opt-out of the registration fee.

New for 2020 - Group Registration: School system supervisors may now purchase tickets for up to 10 of their educators in one transaction. School system supervisors who elect this option should be prepared to answer questions specific to each registrant (e.g. email address, content area) at the time of purchase. The supervisor will receive a receipt showing 10 ticket purchases, and each individual registrant will receive an email confirmation with their ticket information.

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions.

Apply to Lead a Session at the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit

The Department is looking for knowledgeable educators to share resources and best practices with others around the state by designing and facilitating sessions at the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit. This is a great way to expand your impact and showcase the great work you are doing in your classrooms, schools, and school systems.

All types of Louisiana educators – classroom teachers, school/childcare center administrators, LEA/lead agency administrators – are welcome to apply to lead sessions at the Summit.

Interested parties must submit their [application](#) online by **January 13**.

Note: The Department will waive the Summit registration fee for up to three presenters per session.

Please contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov with questions.

2020 Teacher Leader Summit T-shirt Contest

The Department is seeking inspiration for the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit t-shirt design! Educators with an artistic flair are encouraged to submit their design for consideration by **February 7** to ldoecommunications@la.gov. The winning school will receive \$1 per shirt sold. Last year's school, Montegut Middle, was awarded \$968 from The Inkwell Press.

The winning design will be announced in the March edition of the Teacher Leader newsletter.

Reference the [contest rules](#) for details or contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov with questions.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship Opportunities for AP Computer Science Students

The College Board has teamed up with industry leaders such as Amazon, Facebook, and Google to alert students of summer apprenticeships and scholarships utilizing existing AP program accounts. Students are already receiving these email messages. If interested, they should simply follow the links in the email announcements to apply.

Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship Program
Deadline to apply: **January 17 at 3:00 p.m.**

Amazon is offering a scholarship for high school seniors that have completed an advanced placement computer science course or who have taken a computer science test and plan to attend college majoring in computer science, software engineering, computer engineering, or other computer related fields of study. [View](#) a short clip detailing the story of a previous winner.

Additional information related to this scholarship and its eligibility requirements is [available](#).

Please contact collegereadiness@la.gov with questions.

Science Camp Opportunity for Graduating Seniors

The [National Youth Science Camp](#) (NYSCamp) is a residential science education program available to STEM enthusiasts graduating between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Students from around the country

are challenged academically in exciting lectures and hands-on studies. Two students are selected to represent each state and Washington, D.C. *at no cost to the students, schools, or districts*. There are also optional opportunities to participate in an outdoor adventure program, gain a new and deep appreciation for the great outdoors, and establish friendships that last a lifetime. Students may [apply](#) through **February 28**.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

PRINCIPALS' CORNER

CIS Training: Updating Leader Evaluations

2018-2019 leader evaluations are due to be uploaded into the Compass Information System (CIS) no later than **December 20**. This year, all uploads will be completed via the spreadsheet located in the CIS system and can be uploaded at both the site and the LEA levels. A [step-by-step guide](#) for uploading leader scores in CIS is available in the [Compass Library](#).

Please contact compass@la.gov with questions.

Become a Green Ribbon School

Louisiana schools that demonstrate extraordinary progress in the fields of student and faculty health, resource efficiency, and environmental literacy are invited to apply to become a Green Ribbon School. Each year, the Department's Green Schools Program may nominate up to five schools and one institute of higher education for the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School (ED-GRS) award. This recognition award is a part of efforts to identify and communicate practices that result in improved student engagement, academic achievement, graduation rates, and workforce preparedness.

Louisiana K-12 public and private schools, school systems, colleges, and universities are eligible to seek ED-GRS nomination. To be considered for an ED-GRS nomination, please download and follow the [K-12 instructions](#) or [college and university instructions](#). If your school or system is selected as a Louisiana nominee, Louisiana Green Schools staff will work with you to submit the nominee presentation form and package to the U.S. Department of Education for consideration.

The deadline to apply is **January 13**. State nominees will be announced in February, confirmed by the U.S. Department of Education in April, and celebrated in a summer award ceremony.

Please contact environmentaleducation@la.gov with questions.

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AP Courses and Exams Contact	collegereadiness@la.gov

Assessments and Related Supports	assessment@la.gov
Collaborations	districtsupport@la.gov
Compass	compass@la.gov
Educational Leader Licensure Policy Update	believeandprepare@la.gov
ELA Guidebooks	elaguidebooks@la.gov
Instructional Support and Resources including Leap 360 and Eagle	classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov
Jump Start	jumpstart@la.gov
PD Vendor Guide	louisianacurriculumreview@la.gov
Registration for the Teacher Leader Summit	ldoeevents@la.gov
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