



## OSSE LEA LOOK-FORWARD: January 17, 2013—January 31, 2013 Key Events, Announcements, Updates and Deadlines

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### Division of Wellness & Nutrition

#### **Online DC CAS Health and Physical Education Assessment**

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education is seeking schools to volunteer to participate in a pilot online DC CAS Health and Physical Education assessment during the DC CAS test window this spring. Schools that participate will only take the online version, which has the same test questions as the paper-pencil version. Participating in this online assessment will help prepare your students for PARCC, which will be exclusively online. Spaces are limited; please email Erin Watts ([erin.watts@dc.gov](mailto:erin.watts@dc.gov)) or call 202-481-3755 to reserve your school's slot no later than January 25, 2013.

#### **Healthy Schools Act School Health Profile**

##### **Due February 15, 2013 from every public and public charter school**

Under Section 602 of the *Healthy Schools Act of 2010*, each public school and public charter school within the District of Columbia is required to complete and submit the Healthy Schools Act School Health Profile form to OSSE on or before **February 15<sup>th</sup>** of each year. This is an online form located in Quickbase ([www.octo.quickbase.com](http://www.octo.quickbase.com)). Links to the form and access instructions were sent to principals on January 10, 2013. If your school did not receive the link or someone other than the principal needs access, please call 202-481-3755 or email [osse.hsahealthform@dc.gov](mailto:osse.hsahealthform@dc.gov). The information in the profile is reported annually to the Mayor and the Council. Schools failing to submit the form will be out of compliance, and this will be noted in the report as well as on the OSSE website.

A print version of the 2013 School Health Profile form can be found [here](#). **Please note that the form must be submitted online through Quickbase.** Two conference calls will be held to review the Profiles and answer any questions. Dates, times and dial-in information are listed below.

#### **Healthy Schools Act School Health Profile Informational Conference Calls**

January 17, 2013 at 10:00am

February 6, 2013 at 3:00pm

Dial in number: (712) 775-7200

Access Code 504477#



Division of Elementary & Secondary Education

**Compulsory Attendance Requirement**

In the month of November, two instructional days were lost due to weather conditions created by Hurricane Sandy. DC regulation 5 DCMR § A2100.4 states, “a school year for attendance purposes shall include a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) regular instructional days.” To ensure that all LEAs comply, please adjust your school calendars to ensure that students receive the required number of instructional days if necessary.

**ESEA Title III, Part A Webinars – Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOS) and Accountability System.**

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, OSSE will facilitate a webinar to discuss the ESEA Title III, Part A Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) and accountability system. Additionally, OSSE will review its past AMAOs and present a proposal of the new AMAOs for the school years 2012-2017. During the session, stakeholders will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

To address the unique needs of various stakeholders, OSSE will offer the webinar twice, once for LEA representatives, teachers, school administrators, and researchers, and once for parents and education-related community groups and nonprofit organizations. Please register using the link below and distribute to each target audience.

**Webinar 1 Target Audience: LEAs, School Administrators, Teachers, and Researchers**

"ESEA Title III, Part A: Proposed Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) Targets, SY 2012-2017"

Friday, January 25, 2013 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM EST

This webinar is designed for local educational agencies (LEAs), teachers, school administrators, and researchers. OSSE will provide an overview of the ESEA Title III, Part A AMAOs and will discuss its proposed AMAO targets for SY 2012-2017 to solicit feedback.

Registration link: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/612922634>.



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### **Webinar 2 Target Audience: Parents and Community Based Organizations**

"ESEA Title III, Part A: Proposed Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) Targets, SY 2012-2017"

Friday, January 25, 2013 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM EST

This webinar is designed for parents and education-related community groups and nonprofit organizations. OSSE will provide an overview of ESEA Title III, Part A AMAOs and discuss its proposed AMAO targets for SY 2012-2017 to solicit feedback.

Registration Link: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/224896146>.

### **DC CAS Updates**

In preparation for the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC) assessment that will replace the DC CAS in SY 2014 – 2015, this year both the English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Assessments will be fully aligned to the Common Core. For the most current information regarding these, and all the DC CAS assessments, including blueprints for each subject area assessed, please follow this link on the OSSE website to access the 2013 DC CAS Resource Guide: <http://osse.dc.gov/publication/dc-cas-resource-guide>.

For the health assessment, OSSE will continue to follow the “opt out” policy for Human Sexuality instruction. Parents uncomfortable with this content can sign a form and questions aligned to those standards will be removed from the student’s Health Assessment. Important upcoming assessment related dates are as follows:

- Composition Professional Development Power Point posted on OSSE website – February, 2013
- DC CAS Test Chairperson Training – March, 2013
- DC CAS Alt – March 8, 2013 (Deadline for Evidence Collection) - <http://www.osse-dccasalt.pearson.com>
- DC CAS Testing Window – April 22 – May 3, 2013
- ACCESS for ELLS Testing Window – May 6 - June 7, 2013 - <http://www.wida.us>



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NAEP Testing Window for Selected Schools – January 28-March 8, 2013

<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nclb.asp>

Please note, the Accommodations Manual remains unchanged this year and can be accessed on the OSSE website at: <http://osse.dc.gov/service/assessment>.

OSSE is also proud to announce our new OSSE-sponsored Common Core Website, [www.LearnDC.org](http://www.LearnDC.org), developed to support your needs. The site features both local and national resources on the Common Core State Standards.

### **Technical Assistance Session on Designing Principal Evaluation Systems**

Date: January 29, 2013

Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm

Location: OSSE Headquarters – 810 1<sup>st</sup> St, NE - Room 5014

OSSE is working with the new Mid-Atlantic Comprehensive Center and the federally funded Center on Great Teachers and Leaders to provide several technical assistance sessions for LEAs on the design and implementation of teacher and leader evaluation systems. The first session will focus on designing principal evaluation systems and will introduce the components LEAs might want to consider as they design or modify their systems, and the key questions they will want to answer as part of that process. The session will be interactive and is intended for LEA staff and charter school board members that are involved in designing principal evaluation systems.

Please RSVP using the following link by January 23, 2013. Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BJ6RB7G>

Prior to the session, please review the guide at:

<http://www.tqsource.org/publications/DesigningPrincipalEvalSys.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Robin Chait at [robin.chait@dc.gov](mailto:robin.chait@dc.gov).



## Elementary & Secondary Education (Continued)

### **Human Capital Task Force Re-Launch**

As many of you know, OSSE has managed a Human Capital Task Force for the last couple of years to advise on Race to the Top activities. Now that OSSE has received approval of its ESEA Flexibility Request and all LEAs are responsible for implementing teacher and leader evaluation systems, we are re-launching the Human Capital Task Force to include non-Race to the Top LEAs and a modified scope of activities. The Human Capital Task Force will provide a forum for sharing information and best practices about teacher and leader recruitment, hiring, evaluation, and professional development. The Task Force will also provide input on the following activities: the Teacher Preparation Scorecard, technical assistance for LEAs on designing and implementing teacher and leader evaluation systems, and other related activities. The group will not vote, but will provide advice to OSSE. We are seeking representatives from Local Education Agencies, higher education institutions and alternative routes to teacher preparation who will commit to attending quarterly meetings. Interested parties should contact Robin Chait at [robin.chait@dc.gov](mailto:robin.chait@dc.gov) or Erika Lomax at [Erika.lomax@dc.gov](mailto:Erika.lomax@dc.gov).

### **ESEA Title III, Part A: Site Monitoring Information Session**

Date: January 31, 2013

Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is offering an information session webinar for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that receive ESEA Title III, Part A funds and will be monitored this year. The webinar will address the monitoring process including, but not limited to pre-site documentation, Self-Assessment Report documentation, and the LEA staff interview. To participate, please register online through this link: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/181345538>.

Please email Bryan Sebobo at [bryan.sebobo@dc.gov](mailto:bryan.sebobo@dc.gov) with questions.

## Division of Specialized Education

### **Special Education Data System – New Web Address**

SEDS has moved! Please make sure to update your bookmarks with the new SEDS web addresses (URL). [Click here](#) for a complete list of new SEDS URLs. Currently, when accessing the old link users are automatically redirected to the new link. As of February 1, 2013, users will no longer be redirected and will not be able to access SEDS via the old link.



Division of Specialized Education (Continued)



For thousands of students in DC, an inclusive classroom can mean the difference between success and failure. On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the District of Columbia will host its first-ever Inclusive Schools Capstone Event, a one-day conference dedicated to empowering our community with tools to support students challenged by disability, gender, poverty, cultural heritage, and language. Enjoy dynamic trainings and best practice workshops from the District's top education professionals and learn how educators and parents can work with their school to create inclusive learning environments. Learn about local resources in the event's exhibit hall and speak one-on-one with organizations providing support to District students.

**The Inclusive Schools Capstone Event will occur:**

**February 4, 2013 - 8AM-3PM**  
**The Marvin Center – The George Washington University**  
**800 21<sup>st</sup> St, NW Washington, DC.**

Free & Open to the Public. Free Lunch Provided. PLU Credits are available for educators.  
Ipod & Ipad Raffles!

Participants MUST register at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/fcqxxd/4W>.

Learn More at [www.osse.dc.gov/ISW](http://www.osse.dc.gov/ISW) or call 202-741-0271.

You can make the difference today. Because inclusion is more than a seat in a class.