



OSSE LEA LOOK-FORWARD: March 7, 2013—March 14, 2013 Key Events, Announcements, Updates and Deadlines

Division of Student Transportation

The Division of Student Transportation to Host Stakeholder Briefing Session

LEAs are invited to attend a stakeholder briefing session with fellow administrators, parents, advocates and community partners. OSSE-DOT plans to discuss its accomplishments and priorities as well as answer general questions and listen to your comments. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 14, 2013** at St. Coletta of Greater Washington.

Location: 1901 Independence Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20003
Time: 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Please RSVP using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5MDS32X>. OSSE-DOT provides safe and reliable transportation services to more than 3,200 eligible District of Columbia students.

Elementary & Secondary Education

Common Core Aligned DC Early Learning Standards Implementation Strategy

OSSE is pleased to announce a DC Common Core aligned Early Learning Standards implementation strategy stakeholder feedback session. OSSE is seeking input from parents of children in early learning programs, teachers and administrators. This feedback session will take place **Tuesday, March 12, 2013** at the Old Council Chambers, located at 441 4th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. The session will start promptly at 6:00PM. For additional information, please contact Diane Mason at diane.mason@dc.gov.

2013 DC CAS Chairperson Coordinator Training

OSSE's Office of Assessment and Accountability would like to invite District of Columbia Test Chairs and Coordinators to an important training session on the DC CAS 2013. Please note that the training session is **mandatory** for all Test Chairpersons, but LEAs are welcome to send additional representatives and coordinators that will be involved in the test administration.

- DC CAS Test Chairperson/Coordinator trainings will be held **March 12-14, 2013** at the: One Washington Circle Hotel, [One Washington Circle NW, Washington, DC 20037](#). One Washington Circle is located two blocks north of the Foggy Bottom Metro or six blocks west of the Farragut



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- North Metro. Participants may park at the hotel for a \$30 flat fee or use one of the several nearby parking garages.

Each session is tailored to specific audiences

March 12	Session 1 – New Test Chairperson Training	9:30AM – 12:30PM
	Session 2 – Veteran Test Chairperson Training	1:30PM – 4:30PM
March 13	Session 3 – New Test Chairperson Training	9:30AM – 12:30PM
	Session 4 – Veteran Test Chairperson training	1:30PM – 4:30PM
March 14	Session 5 – New Test Chairperson Training	9:30AM – 12:30PM
	Session 6 – Veteran Test Chairperson Training	1:30PM – 4:30PM

The maximum capacity per session is 65 participants. We are requesting that you register online prior to attending a session. Follow use the following link to register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B3CL26J>.

- **Note:** We will also be providing a webinar on **Friday, March 15 at 1PM** for Veteran Test Chairs only that were unable to make one of the earlier in-person training sessions. Please use the link above to register for the webinar.

Please contact Heidi Beeman at Heidi.Beeman@dc.gov with any questions or contact information clarifications.

Student Growth Measure Task Force

The Student Growth Measure Task Force held a meeting on February 5, 2013. The objectives of the meeting were to (1) provide an overview of a new report analyzing the use of Race to the Top LEAs’ piloted assessments and (2) introduce student learning objectives. Meeting materials and notes are available at the following location:

https://sites.google.com/a/dc.gov/osse_race-to-the-top/home/Task-Forces/student-growth-measure

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Highly Effective Teacher Incentive Program Is Recruiting Highly Effective Teachers

Public schools in DC need talented teachers to contribute their time and energy to make a difference for students in high-needs schools. To accomplish this, OSSE has launched a pilot program to recruit 20 highly-effective educators to teach in four high-needs schools beginning in the 2013-14 school year. Educators must make a commitment to teach for three years and will receive a range of incentives, including a \$10,000 bonus, \$5,000 in tuition assistance or loan repayment, and access to homebuyer assistance (details are forthcoming).

Candidates must have been rated highly effective by their LEA's evaluation system, have come from a low-poverty school (less than 50% free or reduced-price lunch) or from outside the classroom, and have taught for at least two years. Applications will be accepted between March 4th- April 19th with in-person interviews scheduled for April 29 or April 30 from 2:00PM-6:00PM. You may find more information about the program and an application at <http://osse.dc.gov/page/teacher-and-leader-evaluation>. If you have questions, please contact Robin Chait at robin.chait@dc.gov.

Teacher Evaluation Systems: Addressing Common Implementation Challenges

March 15, 9:30AM - 11:00AM
810 First St, NE, Room 9014

OSSE is working with the Mid-Atlantic Comprehensive Center and the Center on Great Teachers and Leaders to offer a number of technical assistance sessions for LEA staff as they design and implement teacher and leader evaluation systems that meet Race to the Top and ESEA Waiver requirements. Please join us for an interactive session to address common implementation challenges, including ensuring inter-rater reliability and categorizing teachers into performance levels. If you would like to participate, please register at the following location and indicate your top implementation challenges so we can target the session appropriately: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DJ2RMXC>. If you have questions, please contact Robin Chait at robin.chait@dc.gov.

Webinar on Aligning Formative and/or Benchmark Assessments to the Common Core

The Council of Chief State School Officers, in partnership with the Council of the Great City Schools and Sue Pimentel and Jason Zimba of Student Achievement Partners, would like to invite you to participate in a webinar on **March 19 from 3-5PM** dedicated to providing high-level guidance on how best to align formative and/or benchmark assessments to the Common Core State Standards for ELA/literacy and mathematics.

The goals of the webinar are to assist you and your teams in:



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- understanding the implications of the three shifts for CCSS ELA/literacy and for mathematics on formative and/or benchmark assessments;
- analyzing existing assessment systems and blueprints for alignment to the CCSS; and,
- selecting, reviewing, or developing formative and/or benchmark assessments for the 2013-14 school year.

Registration is a two-part process. Please complete both steps by March 15, 2013 to register.

1. **Complete the short registration survey by clicking on [this link](#).** The purpose of the registration survey is to make sure that the webinar is supporting your Common Core State Standards implementation needs.
2. **Sign-up to access the webinar platform by clicking on [this link](#).**

Professional Development Grant Opportunity

On March 1, 2013, OSSE released the Teacher Quality Improvement (TQI) competitive application. The purpose of the TQI grant is to fund programs designed to provide teachers with skills needed to positively enhance student learning and improve the quality of instruction. **The application deadline is Monday, April 22, 2013 at 5:00PM.** OSSE encourages District of Columbia LEAs, and schools of education and arts and sciences departments within institutions of higher education to form eligible partnerships and apply. Please visit [OSSE's website](#) for more information on this grant opportunity and to download the Teacher Quality Improvement RFA.

A Pre-Application Conference will be held via webinar on **Wednesday, March 21, 2013 from 1:30PM to 3:30PM.** To receive a webinar invite, please contact Orman Feres at orman.feres@dc.gov. It is strongly recommended that applying organizations attend the pre-application webinar.

Office of Data Management

ACCESS for English Language Learner (ELL) Roster Verification Process Information

In an effort to ensure that all student data is accurate and complete, OSSE will provide LEAs with student rosters for verification prior to LEAs' ordering ACCESS testing materials. On Thursday, February 28th OSSE held a webinar to outline the 2013 process for verifying the student rosters and pre-ordering Pre-test booklet ID labels for students. The slides and information from this webinar, and webinar FAQs will be posted at the following website address: <http://osse.dc.gov/service/access-ells>. For additional questions about this process, please contact Michelle Blakey-Tuggle: michelle.blakey-tuggle@dc.gov.



Division of Wellness & Nutrition

Grant Application Solicitation for DC PAY Program

OSSE is soliciting grant applications for the District of Columbia Physical Activity for Youth (DC PAY) program. The purpose of this program is to increase the capacity of DC schools to provide physical activity to all students before, during, or after the school day.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from Washington DC public schools and public charter schools and organizations participating in the Healthy Schools Act (2010). Past award recipients are eligible. The total funding available for this award period is \$200,000; eligible schools may apply for an award amount up to \$10,000. The Request for Applications can be found on the OSSE website by clicking here: <http://osse.dc.gov/publication/2013-dc-pay-request-applications>. Please contact Erin Watts at (202) 481-3755 or erin.watts@dc.gov with questions.

Healthy Schools Act School Health Profile – Past Due

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 15th** of each year. This is an online form, located in Quickbase (<https://octo.quickbase.com>), and 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. The information in the profile is reported annually to the Mayor and the City Council. Schools who do not submit 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](#); however, the form must be submitted online through Quickbase. Please call if you would like to confirm OSSE's receipt of your school's School Health Profile.

Basketball Championship Tournament

Please join us for the Inaugural DC State Athletic Association Basketball Championship Tournament. The semi-finals will take place at Trinity College, located at 125 Michigan Avenue, NE. The girl's semi-finals action will tip off on **Friday, March 8, 2013 at 6:00PM** and the boy's semi-finals action will tip off on **Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 5:00Pm**. The finals will take place on **Monday, March 11, 2013** at the Verizon Center which is located at 601 F St., NW. The girl's championship game will tip off at 6:00PM followed by the boy's championship game at 8:00PM. Admission to both the semi-finals and finals is free for all students.



Office of the State Superintendent of Education



DC State High School Basketball Tournament

March 7 – March 11

Join us for the District's first statewide high-school tournament!

High-school basketball teams of DC public schools, public charter schools, and independent schools will compete in the District's first basketball tournament hosted by the DC State Athletic Association (DCSAA).

SEMI-FINALS

at Trinity Washington University

GIRLS' SEMI-FINALS

Friday, March 8

Wilson vs. HD Woodson @ 6:00 p.m.

Georgetown Day vs. National Cathedral @ 8:00 p.m.

BOYS' SEMI-FINALS

Saturday, March 9

Roosevelt vs. Coolidge @ 5:00 p.m.

Ballou vs. Sidewell Friends @ 7:00 p.m.

FINALS

at Verizon Center

GIRLS

Monday, March 11 at 6:00 PM

BOYS

Monday, March 11 at 8:00 PM

Admission

Semi-finals and Championship tickets are **FREE** for students with DC identification and for children ages 10 and under; **\$10** for adults; **\$5** for students without DC identification. Semi-final game tickets can be purchased or obtained on-site at Trinity Washington University. Championship game tickets can be purchased or obtained at the Verizon Center ticket window and at www.verizoncenter.com.

For more information, go to: www.dcsaasports.org



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Division of Specialized Education

Special Education Quality Review Tool Training

In January 2012, OSSE’s Division of Specialized Education (DSE) partnered with the American Institutes for Research (AIR) to launch a project designed to address special education program quality in the District of Columbia. As part of the project, AIR was tasked with supporting DSE to develop a set of quality indicators, based on research of special education program assessment tools as well as input from special education stakeholders. From that work, OSSE developed the Special Education Quality Review (SEQR) Tool, a web-based self-assessment tool to be used by schools, local education agencies (LEAs) to assess school-level programs for Students with Disabilities (SWDs) on selected quality indicators and to identify school level improvements needed to achieve best practice standards. We are very pleased to announce that the SEQR has been finalized, and OSSE has begun scheduling training on it use. The next training on the tool will be held:

- Presenter(s): OSSE, Division of Specialized Education
- Target Audience: Administrators, General Education Teachers, Special Education Teachers, Special Education Staff
- Date(s): March 19th, March 26th, and March 28th
- Time: 9:00AM – 12:00PM
- Location: 810 First Street, NE, 3rd Floor Computer Lab
- Registration(s):
 - March 19th <http://www.cvent.com/d/lcqlq/4W>
 - March 26th <http://www.cvent.com/d/4cqlq/4W>
 - March 28th <http://www.cvent.com/d/vcqlz/4W>

Post-Secondary & Career Education

General Education Diploma Announcement

OSSE is letting adult learners in the District of Columbia know — *Your future is calling. With the GED test, can answer the call!* The current GED® test is expiring at the end of 2013 and learners’ partial passing score will expire too if the test is not successfully completed by then. For learners who don’t feel prepared, OSSE and local programs can help.

The OSSE Adult and Family Education Office and the DC Office of Cable Television (OCT) have partnered to produce a public service announcement encouraging District residents to finish the GED before the current test series expires on December 31, 2013. The PSA is running on DC cable television. View the GED message at <http://youtu.be/83olkMqsZHc>. Learn more about the GED campaign at finishtheGED.com!



Upcoming College and Career Expo

Much More Than A College Fair

For more information contact the DC TAG office at: 202.727.2824

More than 30 Top DCTAG Colleges and DC Career Programs will be represented!

ALL High School students and parents are welcome!

One-on-One college and career counseling available!

2013
College and Career EXPO

The Historic Howard Theater
620 T Street, NW
Washington DC 20001
Saturday March 16, 2013
9:30am-1:30pm

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