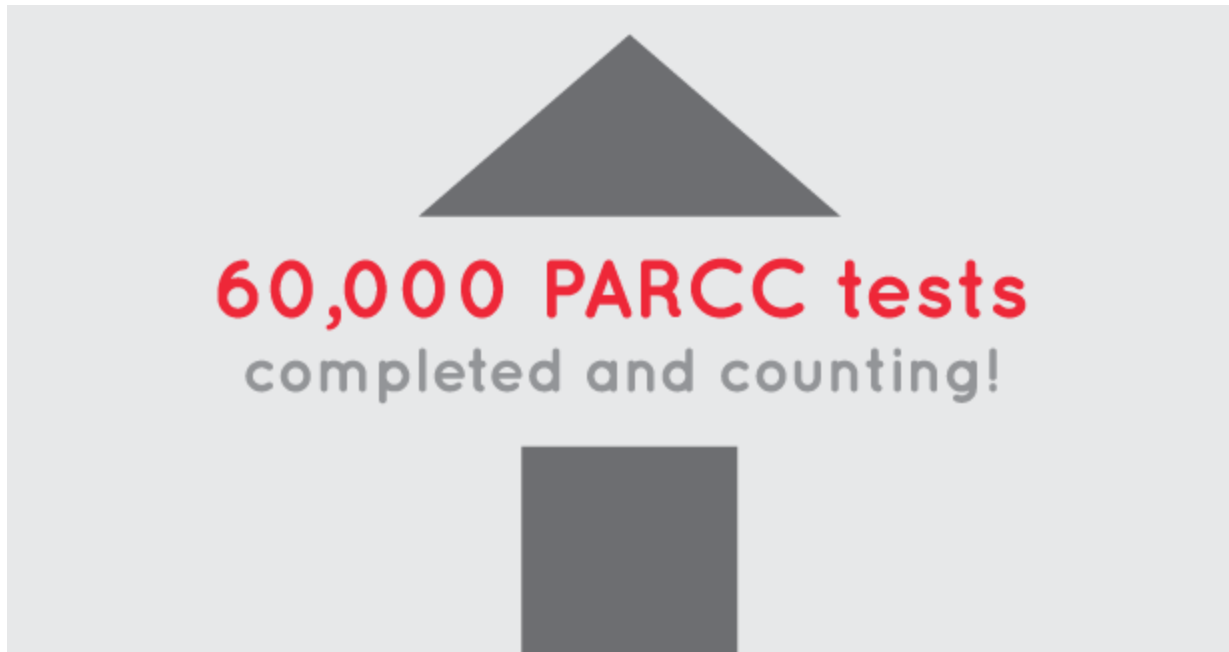


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LEA LOOK FORWARD

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"PATHWAYS TO THE MIDDLE CLASS"

OVERVIEW OF FY 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PLAN

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 3 P.M. – 4 P.M.

810 1ST STREET, NE, GRAND HALL
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Knock It Out of the PARCC: Next Generation Assessments Tips and Resources

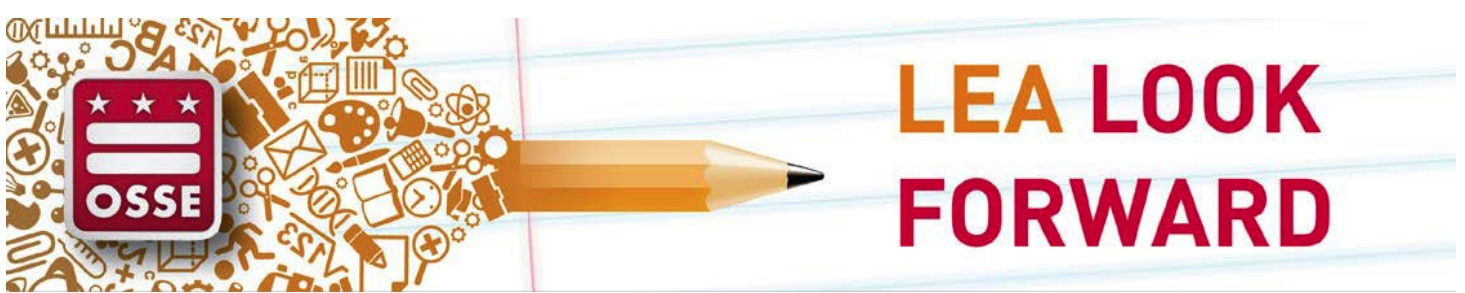
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Important Dates and Deadlines

Dates

- [2015 DC Assessment Timeline](#)
- 4/28: [2nd Annual Infant and Toddler Conference](#)
- 4/30: [April 2015 Next Generation Assessment \(NGA\) Meeting](#)



how to meet the technology requirements now to ensure successful implementation of the assessment. There is no pre-registration for the event; interested LEAs can join the webinar by clicking [here](#).

Date: May 1, 2015

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Healthy Schools Act Meal Reimbursement

Local Education Authorities:

This memorandum serves as a notice that Healthy Schools Act (HSA) meal reimbursements prior to April 2013 will not be paid by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) without sufficient proof that claims were submitted within the 60 day timeframe and are complete with proper documentation.

Prior to April 2013, Healthy Schools Act additional meal reimbursement payments were determined through menu verification and tracking of local food items. Many times this verification altered the total number of meals allowed for local reimbursement compared to the federal National School Lunch (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). Upon verification, LEAs were responsible to revise the local meal claim and resubmit to OSSE within a timely manner as well as follow up around payment.

Unless OSSE can verify through official records from the LEA that the claim information matches the menu verification, unverified claims prior to April 2013 will not be processed. Any verified claims beginning with April 2013 will be handled on a case by case basis to determine if payment is warranted.

Any inquiries for HSA claims, other than for Fiscal Year 2015, must be sent to OSSE by June 30, 2015.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please email nslp.claims@dc.gov.

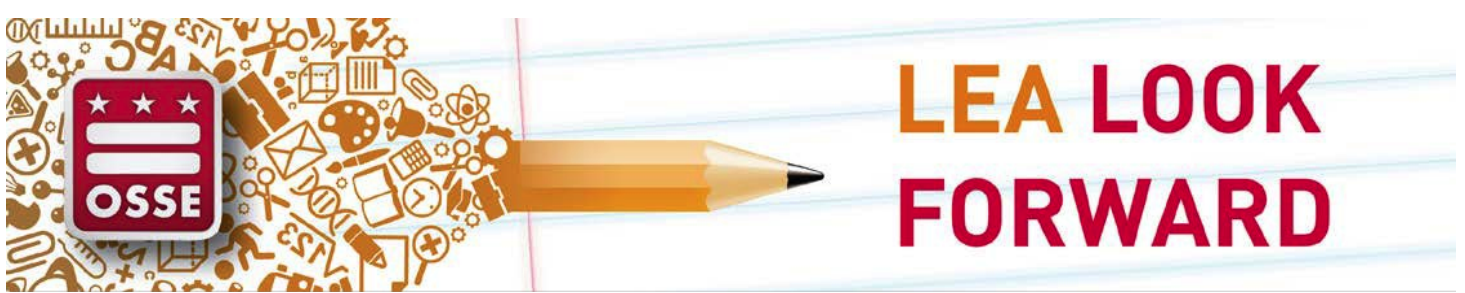
Healthy Lunchtime Challenge

Calling all kid chefs! Submit a recipe for the 2015 Healthy Lunchtime Challenge, now through April 30. There will be a winner from each state and you could be one of them! [#LetsMove #MyPlate](http://to.pbs.org/HLC)

FFY15 New or Significantly Expanding Public Charter School Forms

All charter LEAs received notification regarding the FFY15 New or Significantly Expanding Public Charter School Forms on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. These forms must be submitted to PCS.Notification@dc.gov by no later than **Noon, on Thursday, April 30, 2015**. Incomplete submissions or submissions without an official certifying signature will not be accepted. A webinar will be held to review the New or Significantly Expanding Public Charter School Notification Policy, Guidance document, and data submission form. This webinar will be held on **Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.**, please join at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/133049741>.

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[Register here](#)

For questions, please email Chibu.anyanwu@dc.gov

Early Care and Education Physical Activity and Education Curricula Training: Natii Wright's "My Little World" Educational Music Series - Your Heart Jumps to the Beat Training

If you're interested in learning how to new ideas and tips on increasing your center or school's physical education, please attend Natii Wright's "My Little World" Educational Music Series: Your Heart Jumps to the Beat Training sponsored by the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Unit's DC Child Care Centers Promoting Lifelong Activity in Youth (P.L.A.Y.) Program at OSSE.

The "My Little World" Educational Music Series is a vibrant interactive tool. It is designed to be incorporated into the curricula of early educators, as they engage children, by providing lessons that teach physical movement, early literacy and pre-math concepts, while promoting 60-minutes of healthy physical activity and healthy eating habits.

Each center will receive a FREE copy of the trainer's curricula/manual and CD the day of the training.

[Register here](#)

For questions, please email Chibu.anyanwu@dc.gov

Charter Teacher Family Engagement Professional Learning Community

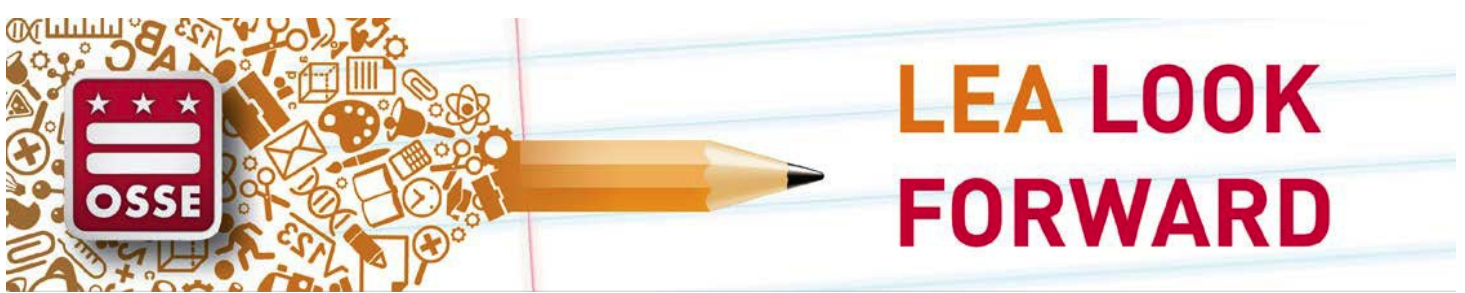
Flamboyant Foundation is excited to launch the **DC Charter Teacher Family Engagement Professional Learning Community (PLC)**. This professional learning community gives teachers from D.C. public charter schools the opportunity to learn research-based family engagement best practices around (1) relationship building, including home visits (2) academic partnering strategies, such as high quality parent-teacher conferences and student-led conferences and (3) ongoing communication with families. PLC participants who meet the participation requirements will receive a \$1500 stipend at the end of SY15-16. **Applicants must be early childhood or elementary public charter school teachers**, and must apply by May 1, 2015, using this [application](#). Contact Diana Suarez at dsuarez@flamboyantfoundation.org with questions.

Funding Opportunities

New

FFY14 Scholarships for Opportunities and Results (SOAR) Act Funding Availability

OSSE is pleased to announce that the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for FFY2014 SOAR Act Funding will be available in the DC Register this Friday, April 17. The NOFA will be directly available on the DC Register website here: <http://www.dcregs.dc.gov/Gateway/IssueList.aspx> and will also be available on the OSSE website. The Request for Applications (RFAs) is scheduled to be available May 1, 2015 on the OSSE website. To access the



RFAs on May 1, and for more information on the SOAR Act grant, please visit:

<http://osse.dc.gov/service/scholarships-opportunity-and-results-soar-act-grant-ffy-2014>.

Contact: Katherine Cox at katherine.cox@dc.gov.

Events

New

Registration Now Open! Federal Grants Management Conference

The District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education is pleased to announce the opening of registration for its annual Federal Grants Management Conference. The conference, sponsored by OSSE's Office of Grants Management and Compliance (OGMC), will take place on Thursday, June 4, 2015, 8AM – 4:30PM, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center at Gallaudet University.

The conference will address issues related to:

- The federal grants management process;
- Available funding opportunities and resources;
- Basic grants management; and
- Procurement.

These topics and more will be discussed during the conference. To register, click [here](#).

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2015, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center at Gallaudet University - 800 Florida Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002

For further information about the conference, please contact [Angela Clemons](#).

Reminder

Register Now: It Takes a City: DC Does it Best!

OSSE is pleased to announce that **registration is now open** for its final 2014-15 LEA Institute, "It Takes a City: DC Does it Best!", to be held May 1-2, 2015, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in downtown Washington, DC.

