



# LEA LOOK FORWARD

March 5 - 12, 2015



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- [Next Generation Science Standards \(NGSS\) Ideas for Parents](#)
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## Important Dates and Deadlines

### Dates

- [2015 DC Assessment Timeline](#)
- 3/7: [OSSE and SBOE Ward 8 Community Meeting](#)
- 4/11: [OSSE Adult College Completion Fair](#)
- 4/22: [DCSAA Workshop: Serving Student-Athletes with Disabilities](#)

>>>[View the OSSE calendar](#)

### Deadlines

- 3/20: [Deadline to Submit Proposals for It Takes a City](#)
- 4/1: [PAEMST 2015 Award Nominations Open](#)
- 4/3: [DC PAY Grant Application Deadline](#)
- 4/9: [College, Credential, and Career Ready Summer Initiative NOFA Deadline](#)
- 5/20: [DC Free Summer Meals Sponsor Application Deadline](#)

## Announcements

### New

#### First Ever LGBTQ-Friendly Online College Fair

Hosted by the GLSEN and [Campus Pride](#), the FREE online college fair will take place on Thursday, March 19, 2015, 9 a.m.–9p.m. ET, and will feature over 30 colleges from across the country. Students will learn about various colleges, speak to college representatives, and explore what life after high school can be like.

High School Students: [Register now](#)

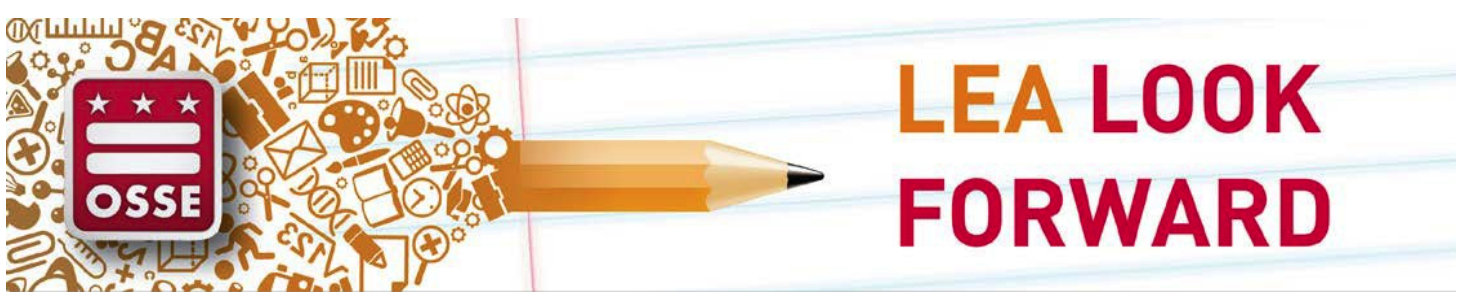
Educators & GLSEN Friends: spread the word to students in your community.

For questions, email [osse.hydt@dc.gov](mailto:osse.hydt@dc.gov).

#### EGMS Funding Summary

EGMS features a convenient dashboard with a daily summary of the status of grants.

Upon logging in, Heads of Organizations with EGMS credentials will be able to access the Funding Summary. From the GMS Access/Select page view a listing of OSSE approved grants and the “monthly bank statement,”



which includes Application Name, Total Funds Available, Last Approved Budget, Paid to Date, Amount Remaining.

Please note, the Funding Summary is updated daily for near real-time information about grants. Just go to your main dashboard page and left click on "Click to View Funding Summary" at the top of the page.

### **National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) Contests**

OSSE, DC Hunger Solutions, and several other partner organizations ask for your support in growing and promoting the District's school breakfast program through National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) at all D.C. public and D.C. public charter schools. Encourage students and their families to enter the School Breakfast Contest for a chance to win prizes for both the schools and students.

The contest will officially kick off on Monday, March 2, 2015, and continue until Friday, March 13, 2015.

All contest information can be found in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Print out the School Breakfast Contest flyer, make copies, and distribute to your students and families.

School breakfast is a critical, proven way to reduce hunger and improve wellness among school aged children. [Learn more](#) about NSBW and the benefits of eating a school breakfast.

For additional information, please contact Alexandra Ashbrook, D.C. Hunger Solutions, at [aashbrook@dchunger.org](mailto:aashbrook@dchunger.org).

## **Reminder**

### **Important Dates for NCSC and DC CAS Alt Science**

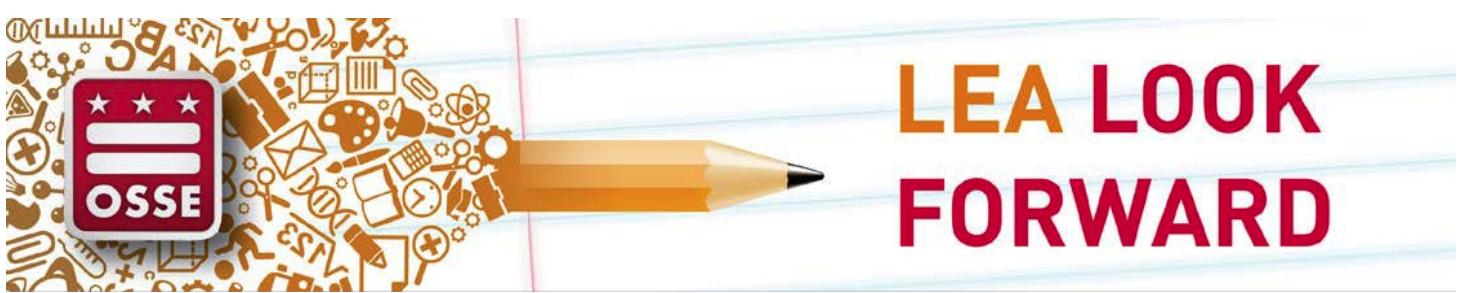
The following dates apply to the administration of the [NCSC Assessment and the DC CAS Alt Science](#) Portfolio review.

#### NCSC

- March 2, 2015 : NCSC Student Enrollment window opens
- March 18, 2015: NCSC Student Enrollment window closes
- March 30, 2015: NCSC ELA/Mathematics testing window begins

#### DC CAS Alt Science

- February 25, 2015: DC CAS Alt Science Portfolio review training webinar hosted by Pearson
- March 6, 2015: DC CAS Alt Science Portfolio testing window ends



- March 13, 2015: Last date to ship DC CAS Alt Science Portfolio to Pearson

For questions, please contact [osse.assessment@dc.gov](mailto:osse.assessment@dc.gov).

## Funding Opportunities

### Reminder

#### **DC Physical Activity for Youth (DC PAY) Grant**

The purpose of this grant is to increase the capacity of District public and public charter schools to provide physical activity to all students before, during, or after the school day. Applicants can apply for grants up to \$10,000.

The application submission deadline for the 2015-2016 DC PAY grant is April 3, 2015. All application information and materials are available at [grants.osse.dc.gov](http://grants.osse.dc.gov).

For additional information, please contact [Katie Lantuh](#).

#### **Notice of Funding Availability for College, Credential & Career Ready Summer Initiative**

The Division of Postsecondary & Career Education is excited to announce an upcoming grant competition to increase the number of middle grades youth involved in college and career readiness programming during the summer months. OSSE will fund new or expanded programs that help students in grades 6 through 8 and their families to learn about college and career pathways, develop time management, organization, and goal-setting skills, and get ready for successful high school transition. The full Request for Applications (RFA) will be available March 9, and the competition will close April 9. The [NOFA](#) is now available.

For more information, please contact [Chloe Woodward-Magrane](#), manager of Early College & Career Awareness.

## Early Learning

### New

#### **Special Article Shared by Assistant Superintendent of Early Learning Regarding the Great Work of SECDCC**

Hi Everyone,

Just wanted to share some great news with fellow SECDCC members. I've been published on the US Dept of Education Blog; the article is entitled "The Importance of Early Learning for All". [The Importance of Early Education for All | ED.gov Blog](#)



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## The Importance of Early Education for All | ED.gov Blog

It's time for reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. There's no doubt change is necessary to ensure our children's civil rights to a high qu...

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If you haven't read it yet, please check it out and post of comment there if possible! Sharing it via their links (or any other outlet) would be great, too!

FYI, when you google Pros4Kids and LaToya Smith, it comes up as the fourth or fifth result.

Best,  
LaToya  
Chair, Early Childhood Education Policy Council  
[www.linkedin.com/in/latoyaasmith/](http://www.linkedin.com/in/latoyaasmith/)

## Events

### Reminder

#### **Adult College Completion Fair | Revisiting the Dream: College Access and Completion for All**

OSSE's Inaugural Adult College Completion Fair, Revisiting the Dream: College Access and Completion for All, will be held April 11, 2015, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the R.I.S.E Demonstration Center at St. Elizabeth's East. The fair is designed to educate adult learners who left college without obtaining a degree and first-time adult college students about the multiple pathways for college completion. The event will feature a community resource and college fair, college and career advising and workshops on college admissions, career exploration, financial aid and financial literacy.

For more information, visit [osse.dc.gov](http://osse.dc.gov).