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Best Practices Showcase
Columbus City Schools presents Fall 2015 Best Practices Showcase. Professional Learning and Licensure will be hosting a Best Practices Showcase on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, at Arts Impact Middle School (AIMS) from 4:15–7:15 p.m. The purpose of this conference is to showcase best practices which are aligned to the OTES Rubric. The conference will feature the Stars of CCS—YOU!

Sign up on CiMS to reserve your spot. The Showcase is limited to 350 full-time certificated CCS educators. Registration will close on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, or as soon as registration reaches capacity. Educators attending will receive 3 CEUs.

We are also seeking presenters for the Fall 2015 Showcase. All presentation topics must align to two of the following areas of the OTES Rubric:

- Focus For Learning
- Assessment Data
- Prior Content Knowledge/Sequence/Connections
- Knowledge Of Students
- Lesson Delivery
- Differentiation
- Resources
- Classroom Environment
- Assessment Of Student Learning
- Professional Responsibilities

Do you have successful ideas to share with other CCS educators? Has your TBT developed a process to utilize assessment data? Do you have ideas on how to meet the different learning styles/levels of your students? We want you to share your best practices with other CCS educators.

Consider submitting a presentation proposal. Proposals will be reviewed by the Showcase committee. You will be notified if you are chosen to present. Proposals must be submitted by Monday, Oct. 19, 2015, to be considered.

If chosen to present, you will receive a $125 stipend for materials, preparation and presentation, in addition to 3 CEUs.

Contact Karmen McCaslin at the Professional Learning and Licensure Office at 365-5039 for more information.

Become a Master Teacher or NBCT
Professional Learning and Licensure will be holding two informational meetings for those interested in becoming a Master Teacher and/or a National Board Certified Teacher. These meetings are for teachers who are interested in beginning the process of obtaining the Master Teacher designation and/or pursuing NBCT. This is not for teachers who have already obtained the Master Teacher designation or who are currently pursuing NBCT (Cohort 1).

For details about the Master Teacher program, please see: http://www.ccsoh.us/MasterTeacher.aspx.

For details about the National Board Certification program, see: http://www.ccsoh.us/NationalBoard.aspx.

Continue to check back to both websites for updated 2015–16 information.

Details regarding both informational meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Hudson Distribution Center in the Paul Lindquist Room. Hudson Distribution Center is located at 737 E. Hudson Street.
  • 4:15–4:45 p.m.—Master Teacher Information
  • 4:45–5:45 p.m.—National Board Certified Teacher Information
- Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Linmoor Education Center in the cafeteria. Linmoor Education Center is located at 2001 Hamilton Ave.
  • 4:15–5:15 p.m.—National Board Certified Teacher Information
  • 5:15–5:45 p.m.—Master Teacher Information
Contact Karmen McCaslin at the Professional Learning and Licensure Office at 365-5039 for more information.

No Need to Wait Until Nov. 3
In less than a month, Election Day will be upon us. But you don’t have to wait until Election Day to participate—you can vote early. Early in-person and absentee voting for the Nov. 3 General Election begins Oct. 6 at your county’s board of elections. If you live outside of Franklin County, you can find your county’s board of elections location and early voting hours at http://bit.ly/1PeOJ9f. The Franklin County Board of Elections is located at 1700 Morse Road. Early in-person voting will take place on the following dates:
10/6 to 10/23: (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays)
10/26 to 10/30: (8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays)
Saturday, 10/31: (8 a.m.–4 p.m.)
Sunday, 11/1: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday, 11/2: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“Right to Work” Briefing Oct. 14
We may have won the battle against Senate Bill 5, but the war against labor unions is still going strong. In late September, a member of the Ohio House of Representatives announced that he would soon be introducing so-called “Right to Work” legislation. We Are Ohio wants to keep you updated about so-called “Right to Work” legislation.

The organization is holding an Allied Members and Partners meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) District 1199 headquarters, 1395 Dublin Road. Learn more about this anti-worker agenda and what you can do to take action and protect your community. The meeting begins at 6 p.m., with pizza served at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP for the event on Facebook, go to http://bit.ly/weareohio.

Special notes:
- CEA Members Scholarships are available for your college senior. Distributed through The Columbus Foundation, this fund provides $1,250 in tuition assistance. Only CEA members who have taught in CCS for the past four years are eligible. Your student must have at least a 2.0 GPA in order to apply. The deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23. Go to www.ceaohio.org to download an application. Call Hannah Milley at 253-4731, if you have questions.
- CEA’s special election will be Oct. 27–Nov. 10 for District 4 and 5 Governors to fill unexpired terms ending in 2017. Qualified candidates must be minimum two-year CEA members working in those districts. Declare your candidacy Oct. 5–15 and start campaigning. Find a form at www.ceaohio.org under “Forms” or call CEA.

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