



May Dates

Mon., May 11

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Network Meeting at MS 381

Thu., May 21, 9:00-12:00

Differentiated Instruction at MS 390

Fri-Sat, May 29-30, 9:00-3:00

Data & Accountability #2 & #3 at MS 390

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Dear AED PSO School Leaders!

Congratulations to you and your school communities for the strong and steady improvement you have made in increasing student performance in reading. We know the amount of effort these gains require and we should all be proud. As your network support team we are encouraged by how intensely we all are working to maximize the last two months of the school year to improve learning. AED is particularly focusing on how we can do a better job in supporting our network's efforts to reverse the flat and in some instances downward trend some of our students show from 7th to 8th grade. Part of the answer may be to identify those seventh grade students moving from high to low threes or threes to twos now and target them for late spring and summer interventions and supports.

Our visit to DC/Virginia schools last week affirmed much of what we already know. Professional learning communities are an essential ingredient to student success and just how critical it is to have highly intelligent, motivated and engaging teachers in all of our classrooms. Next week in a separate email we will send out some highlights/learnings from the DC/Virginia site visits as well as some related tools and materials.

As always, we welcome your input on how we can support you in your work. Finally, thank you for continuing to be our partner.

Calvin and the AED PSO Team

Math Classroom Visit at International School for Liberal Arts (ISLA)

Wednesday, May 13

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Maximum 12 participants

RSVP to aenache@aed.org by May 4

SAF News

Spring Principals' Satisfaction Survey

Deadline: May 20

Your feedback on the services and support that you receive from your SSO, ISC, and the central offices is very important in helping the Department improve service delivery to schools, so please take a few minutes to participate in the Spring Principals' Satisfaction Survey if you haven't already done so. You should have received an e-mail from the Chancellor with a link to the survey and instructions. *Please do not forward this link to your colleagues; it is customized for your school.* As always, the survey is anonymous, voluntary, and confidential. The last day to submit the survey is **May 20**. If you have any questions about the survey, contact schoolsupport@schools.nyc.gov.

New Dates for Social Studies Regents Exams June

The State Education Department has changed the June Regents exam schedule for social studies. The U.S. History and Government exam will now be administered **June 16 at 1:15 p.m.**, and the Global History and Geography exam will be administered **June 19 at 9:15 a.m.** For additional information, visit www.nysed.gov.

Updates on Periodic Assessments

Visit the [Periodic Assessment Team's Web site](#) for the latest updates on periodic assessments. Here's what's new this week:

- [The 2009-10 Periodic Assessment Guide](#) is available online. We also encourage you to participate in [an information session](#) on the periodic assessment selection process.
- Information on all upcoming Acuity administrations, including the pre-Regents predictive assessment (May 21-June 19) is available.
- A memo on the end-of-year mCLASS pilot program administration (May 1- June 13) and information on new professional development opportunities are available.
- In response to feedback from educators, over the next two weeks new, year-end grade-level classes (similar to those available in September 2008) will be loaded into Acuity.
- The Design Your Own (DYO) application for 2009-10 is available.

If you have any questions, contact periodicassessment@schools.nyc.gov.

Updates on NCLB/SED Accountability

Visit the [Principals' Portal](#) for the latest updates on NCLB/SED accountability. Here's what's new this week:

- The State Education Department has released scores for this year's ELA exam on nySTART, in the ELA Tested/Not Tested Report and in the 2008-09 NYSTP ELA Interactive (Guided Analysis) reports. **The scores are embargoed until the state releases them publicly.** In the coming weeks, you will be able to view the scores in ATS and ARIS.

- The Math and Social Studies Tested/Not Tested and Social reports have been updated.
- You can still register for the spring data verification professional development opportunities in [Protraxx](#). A complete calendar is available on the Principals' Portal.

Updates on Summer School

Visit the [Principals' Portal](#) for the latest updates on summer school, such as the FY 10 list of contracted items for summer school and a guide to creating an engaging summer school program.

For additional information, contact your SSO summer school liaison.

NYSESLAT Scoring Plan

Deadline: May 11

NYSESLAT test administration ends May 15. You should have received an e-mail last Friday with information about the scoring process and a link to submit your school's scoring plan, which you should do by **May 11**. The form for non-District 75 schools is [here](#), and the form for District 75 schools is [here](#). Those forms also have information about optional scoring training sessions on **May 15 and May 18**, which we strongly encourage new schools and schools with new scoring coordinators to attend.

Here are other upcoming key NYSESLAT dates:

May 8 or May 15: Reading and listening answer documents due by noon to ISCs or D75 offices. Please submit by the earlier date if possible.

May 22 or May 29: Writing and speaking answer documents due by noon to ISCs and D75 offices. Please submit by the earlier date if possible.

"ARIS Parent Link Administrator" Role

Deadline: May 13

By **May 13**, please assign a staff member to serve in the "ARIS Parent Link administrator" role in Galaxy to manage password administration online. Many schools will choose to identify their parent coordinator to this role, but you may assign it to another staff member. Instructions for assigning this role in Galaxy are available [online](#).

Please also take the steps described in detail in the [guide available online](#) to prepare to introduce ARIS Parent Link to your school community. If you have questions or suggestions about Parent Link, please contact ARISParentLink@schools.nyc.gov.

Early Retirement Notification

Any principal who gives notice of intent not to return to their superintendent by **May 15** and plans a retirement date on or before **July 15** will receive a special waiver of the 90-day notice provision for early processing of final entitlement pay. Early notification of retirement will enable us to post vacancies sooner, conduct C-30 processes in a timely manner, and appoint new principals well in advance of school opening in September. We encourage outgoing principals to move to F-status to help in the transition process.

For more information, or to discuss a specific retirement situation, contact your superintendent or the Office of School Leadership at (718) 935-5226.

Campaign for Middle School Success Principals Advisory Committee

Middle school principals are invited to serve on the newly-formed Campaign for Middle School Success Principals Advisory Committee. The committee will help address the campaign's goals of increasing student achievement, closing all existing gaps, and improving engagement and the social development of middle school students in New York City. If you would like to participate, please send an e-mail to Verone Kennedy at vkenned3@schools.nyc.gov.

Workshops, Events

AED PSO Networkwide Science Lesson Study

Monday, May 11, 8:30-3:00 at IS 254

This professional development workshop facilitated by Risa Sackman will bring science teachers from across the network to work together in collaborative lesson planning, observe the implementation of that lesson in one classroom, and debrief the process.

Dine & Chats: College Readiness in the Middle Grades

Monday, May 11, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at IS 254

Maud Abeel, AED Senior Program Officer, will present an introduction to understanding and defining in concrete terms what it means to address college readiness in the middle grades.

Data and Accountability in Your Schools Series

May 5, 29, and 30, at MS 390

Facilitated by Nancy Brogan and Laura Winter of **Logon for Learning**, this professional development series is designed to help principals/school leadership teams become data savvy by learning to use data to continually improve school performance. **Participants of the Institute are expected to attend all sessions.**

Session 1	Tuesday, May 5, 9:00-3:00
Session 2	Friday, May 29, 9:00-3:00
Session 3	Saturday, May 30, 9:00-2:00
All sessions are held at MS 390 (1930 Andrews Ave., Bronx, NY 10453) <i>Meals are provided</i>	

Closing the Achievement Gap Forum with Dr. William Tate

Wednesday, May 20, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Middle school principals and their teams are invited to attend the next "Closing the Achievement Gap" forum: "Factors that Predict and Moderate METS (Math, Engineering, Technology and Science) Achievement: A Conversation with Dr. William Tate." Dr. Tate is professor and chair of the Education department at Washington University in St. Louis.

The forum will take place on **May 20** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Harlem Renaissance Technology Center (425 W. 123rd Street, 6th Floor; Manhattan). Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact Anita Cassity at acassity@schools.nyc.gov.

Workshop on schools Attuned All Kinds of Minds

June 5, 8:30-12:00

The Office of Special Education Initiatives is offering a free half-day workshop that will introduce school administrators to the neurodevelopmental framework for learning

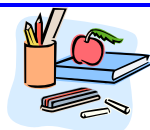
developed at All Kinds Of Minds. The workshop will show how this service delivery program can be used to meet the diverse learning needs of all students across all content areas. The rationale of the Schools Attuned program is to provide educators with knowledge, skills, and strategies to assist struggling students and create successful learners in the classroom while serving as a model for RTI within a school. The workshop will take place on **June 5** at the Manhattan ISC (333 7th Avenue) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All participants will receive a copy of "A Mind at a Time" by Dr. Mel Levine. To register, please e-mail Bill Stone at Wstone@schools.nyc.gov by **May 27**.

Middle School Principals Association Meeting **May 19**

The next meeting of the Middle School Principals Association will be held **May 19** at the Park Side Restaurant in Corona. The board will meet at 11:30 a.m., and the general meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. Space is limited. RSVP to William Moore at wmoore@schools.nyc.gov.

ELL Best Practices Conference **June 4**

Language and content-area teachers can register for the Office of ELLs annual best practices conference Thursday, June 4, at Washington Irving High School in Manhattan from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Featuring two nationally renowned keynote speaker, specialized workshops throughout the day, and materials from educational publishers, participants can deepen their understanding of the latest research-based practices that promote academic achievement among ELLs in the classroom. Register is on Protrax at <http://pd.nycoit.org>. The workshop costs \$100 per participant (FAMIS # TLELL0021). For more information, contact Stela Radovanovic at sradova@schools.nyc.gov.



AED PSO Support Services – May 2009

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2780 Reservoir Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468, tel. 718-329-8570

Middle School Partners in Leadership Program: Coaching Session 4

Wednesday, May 13, 4:30-7:30

MS/HS 368 IN-TECH Academy (2975 Tibbett Ave., Bronx, NY 10463)

Making the Connection Team Meeting

Monday, May 18, 3:00-5:00

MS 390 (1930 Andrews Ave., Bronx, NY 10453)

Critical Friends Group

Tuesday, May 19

MS 381 (240 E. 109th Street, New York, NY 10029, tel. 212-289-4204)

Network Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 11:00-4:00

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Differentiated Instruction

Thursday, May 21, 9:00-12:00

MS 390 (1930 Andrews Ave., Bronx, NY 10453)

AED Leadership Fellows Class: Leading Change

Thursday, May 21, 4:30-8:30

MS 80 (140 E. Mosholu Parkway, Bronx, NY 10467)

Data and Accountability – Session 2

Friday, May 29, 9:00-3:00

MS 390 (1930 Andrews Ave., Bronx, NY 10453)

Data and Accountability – Session 3

Saturday, May 30, 9:00-2:00

MS 390 (1930 Andrews Ave., Bronx, NY 10453)



Please register the names of the participants you will be sending to each workshop with Aurelia Enache at: aenache@aed.org. Questions? Call 212.367.4575