



Bi-Weekly Bulletin

April 28, 2017

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May 2017 QCM Agenda

Thanks so much for everyone's prompt response to the QCM RSVP request. Those attending the QCM can view the draft agenda (subject to change) by clicking the button below. Please note that lunch begins promptly at 12:00pm on Thursday at NCCAT. Please be sure to be there on time. The NCCAT staff has to begin cleaning up the dining hall for another event directly after ours, so we won't have much time to eat. You will be receiving your room key upon arrival to lunch on Thursday, and room check-out will be Friday at 8am. The address for NCCAT is 276 NCCAT Drive, Cullowhee, NC 28723.

[QCM Agenda](#)

Last Chance to Schedule Discovery Place Consultations

Time is running out, so act fast! In order to develop a Discovery Place PD Plan for your schools next year, the first step is the consultation meeting with Doug Thompson. This consultation meeting needs to take place on or before May 15 in order to allow time for the plans to be incorporated into your county work plans and the ASU budget for CY14. Please reach out to Doug (DouglasT@discoveryplace.org) ASAP to get this meeting scheduled with your leadership teams at your school.

Does the idea of partnering with your entire district overwhelm you? No worries! It doesn't have to be with your whole district. Maybe there is only one school interested? That's ok. Some districts are only focusing on the High School next year for their Discovery Place PD plan. Think about what works best for the needs of your county and consult with Doug about that. If you have any further questions or need to request an extension beyond May 15, please contact Corinne (corinne@discoveryplace.org). Please also remember to always copy Corinne on your communications with Doug.

NCCEP Annual Conference Attendance RSVP

Can you believe it is already time to begin making plans for attending the annual GEAR UP conference? We know that some districts have changed plans for NCCEP attendance, so the button below is an opportunity to ensure we meet the grant requirement of sending 6 participants per grant (total of 12). Please complete the 30 second survey by Friday, May 26 for yourself and any attendees from your district. All ASU staff need to complete this form as well.

[NCCEP Attendance Survey](#)

The conference hotel is also now available for reservations. As you know, the rooms booked for NCCEP often fill up very quickly. The official conference hotel is the Hilton San Francisco Union Square. You are not required to stay in this hotel and may find less expensive options nearby. The room rate is \$249 single/\$269 double.

Conference registration will open Friday, April 28. For further details regarding the conference schedule, hotel reservations, and conference registration, please visit:

[Conference Website](#)

Teacher in Congress Internship Opportunity

The Teacher in Congress Internship was created to offer teachers a taste of the real workings of Congress and the day-to-day life of a member of Congress. This program provides the participating teacher with a tangible way to give students a look inside the federal government and hopefully inspires the next generation of North Carolina public servants with a vibrant civics education.

The paid internship will take place in Rep. Virginia Foxx's Washington, D.C., office from July 14-21, 2017. In addition to attending committee hearings, mark-ups and floor debates, the participating teacher will receive an introduction to the legislative process, briefings with House committee staff and tours of the U.S. Capitol, Library of Congress and area museums.

Preference will be given to applicants who live in the 5th District, teach at a public or private school in the 5th District and teach grades 9-12 during the 2017-2018 school year. Applicants must be available to arrive in Washington on the afternoon of Friday, July 14, 2017, for orientation and stay for the duration of the internship.

Applications are available online at www.fox.house.gov/teachers. Applicants should submit a completed 2017 Teacher in Congress Internship application form, accompanied by a cover letter, resume and sample lesson plan by Friday, June 2, 2017.

Completed applications may be submitted via email to TeacherinCongress@mail.house.gov or by U.S. mail to U.S. Rep. Virginia Foxx, Attn: Teacher in Congress, 3540 Clemmons Road, Suite 125, Clemmons, NC 27012.

Each application will be reviewed and one teacher will be selected to participate. Applicants will be notified by email of the selection results after June 9, 2017. Assistance will be offered to arrange travel costs where applicable. However, the selected teacher is responsible for making all transportation and lodging arrangements.

Those with questions regarding the 2017 Teacher in Congress Internship may contact Foxx's office at (202) 225-2071.

Homework Help - A Great Resource for Testing Season

It's not too late to continue marketing this incredible resource to students, their parents, and teachers. The Tutor.com Homeworks Help service can provide a great support to students who are struggling to prepare for those end of year exams. Here are a few things our students who used the service last month had to say about their experience:

"I enjoyed trying this for the first time. I had a great tutor and I feel more confident about the problem. I love how she went at a pace I could understand and feel comfortable with. I will be using this more often. Thanks for all the help you guys rock!" 8th grader

"My tutor was very, very helpful and I love that GearUp provides this service for us!" 6th grader

"This tutor is amazing she should really be given a raise or something some kind of tutor of the week or something she was a very big help thank you." 7th grader

"My tutor was great and didn't get annoyed by my questions which really made me feel welcome." 8th grader

"WOW JUST WOW THANKS GEAR UP!" 8th grader

"My tutor was amazing help. I had no idea what I was doing and my tutor helped me figure everything out and made sure I had a handle on everything!" 8th grader

"My tutor was AWESOME!!! This was actually my first time using this and I loved it!! I will definitely be coming back!" 8th grader

GEAR UP Champion Nominations

It's fast and easy! Click the button below to nominate someone deserving of some GEAR UP recognition! The next deadline for GEAR UP Champions is the last day of the month, April 30. It's easy...and who doesn't love being recognized for their hard work?

[Nominate Someone](#)

Have Suggestions?

We love to hear your ideas! Do you have suggestions that will help us improve? At any time, please provide your feedback by clicking the suggestion box. Thanks for taking the time to help us continuously grow and improve.

[Suggestion Box](#)

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