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## TEAM Trainer Application

The Tennessee Department of Education is seeking highly motivated and effective educators to serve as TEAM Trainers during the summer of 2015. TEAM Trainers play an integral role in supporting administrators, district staff, and teachers in Tennessee as we continue to implement the TEAM evaluation model. This is an excellent opportunity for educators to strengthen their own understanding of the TEAM model, as well as to promote and deepen evaluation practices across the state.

To apply to be a TEAM Trainer, please send your resume and three references to [Kaneal.Alexander@tn.gov](mailto:Kaneal.Alexander@tn.gov) and click [here](#) to access the online application. All applications and materials must be received by ***Wednesday, Feb. 25***. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to [Kaneal.Alexander@tn.gov](mailto:Kaneal.Alexander@tn.gov).

## Partial Year Exemptions

Now that the second semester is underway, it is a good time to start identifying those teachers who will not meet the 121 day minimum to receive an overall level of effectiveness for the 2014-15 school year. For further guidance on partial year exemptions (PYEs), please refer to our [website](#). We recommend that you identify those teachers as PYEs in CODE by ***Monday, Feb. 16***.

Please remember that when a teacher is identified as a PYE, this does not mean you should stop observing them. These teachers should still receive feedback and support, although it may not be necessary to log those observations in CODE. Should you have any questions, please reach out to [TEAM.Questions@tn.gov](mailto:TEAM.Questions@tn.gov).

## TVAAS Methodology

In response to feedback from educators, the Tennessee Department of Education announced two updates to the procedure used to calculate TVAAS scores. These updates will serve to increase consistency across grade levels and improve transparency in the TVAAS methodology. The updates and the process by which they were considered are outlined in more detail in [this memo](#). We have also included a collection of FAQs after the memo.

The department made the updates based on input from district leaders, statistical experts, and the state Teacher Advisory Council. The council, made up of Tennessee's Teacher of the Year finalists and winners, provides context for the changes in [this letter](#). Their letter, which we shared with teachers across the state last week, is followed by specific details from the department.

## New Math Task Arcs

New math task arcs have been posted on the TNCore website [here](#). These task arcs are optional instructional resources for teachers that can be used to support planning and instruction aligned to the Tennessee math standards. Each task arc contains an overview and detailed information on how the tasks and lessons progress. If you have questions

about the task arcs, please reach out to [David.S.Williams@tn.gov](mailto:David.S.Williams@tn.gov).

## Upcoming Deadlines

- Identify current Partial Year Exemptions (PYEs) in CODE by ***Monday, Feb 16***.

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