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Tennessee Educator Acceleration Model

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## TEAM Trainer Application

The Tennessee Department of Education is seeking highly motivated and effective educators to serve as TEAM trainers (for both teacher evaluator and administrator evaluator trainings) 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).

## Gov. Haslam Unveils Investment in Education for FY16 Budget

Last week, Gov. Haslam presented his State of the State address to the General Assembly and released his FY16 budget, once again prioritizing education with an

investment of nearly \$170 million for K-12 education. Highlights include:

- Nearly \$100 million for increasing teacher compensation, which amounts to a 4 percent pool that local districts will have available as they make local decisions;
- An additional \$6 million in teacher salary equity funds
- Nearly \$44 million for growth and inflationary adjustments within the Basic Education Program; and
- \$5 million to create the Educators' Liability Trust Fund to offer liability insurance to Tennessee teachers at no cost to them.

You can find additional information [here](#), including a full FY16 budget summary, as well as a recording of the governor's address.

## Tennessee Students Share Why They Write

Across Tennessee, students and teachers are hard at work developing essential writing skills. We asked Tennessee students to share their thoughts on why writing matters. Classroom Chronicles will be publishing students' "writing about writing" over the next month, and their [first student piece](#) is from a high school senior in Sumner County. She wrote a piece not about *what* inspired her, but *who*.

## 100 TN Students Earn Perfect Score on 2014 Writing Assessment

Because writing is essential to our students' success in college and future careers, we are excited to celebrate the 100 students across the state who earned a perfect score on

the 2014 TCAP Writing Assessment administered last February. These students earned a level 4 score in all reporting categories of the writing assessment. The 100 students each received a certificate of achievement signed by Gov. Bill Haslam and Commissioner Candice McQueen. To see a list of the schools and districts with a top Tennessee writer, click [here](#).

## Upcoming Deadlines

- Last day to apply to be a summer TEAM Trainer is **Wednesday, Feb. 25**.

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