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## Resubmitting Lesson Plans

As mentioned in last week's TEAM Update, many evaluators are currently conducting announced observations of the Planning domain. We have received several questions about the role of the pre-conference in this evaluation, and whether evaluators should allow teachers to resubmit lesson plans after receiving feedback in the pre-conference. Although reflection should occur as a result of the pre-conference, the lesson plan that is initially submitted, and the observation that is associated with that lesson plan, is the one that should be scored for Planning. For more guidance on observing the planning domain, please visit our [website](#). If you have any further questions, please send us an email at [TEAM.Questions@tn.gov](mailto:TEAM.Questions@tn.gov).

## Commissioner McQueen Takes Your Questions

The department sends out a monthly Educator Update to teachers across the state, including top resources and current news. In our January edition, we asked teachers to send their questions to Education Commissioner Candice McQueen. In [this post](#),

Commissioner McQueen answers questions submitted by teachers.

## Standards Review Process

Please encourage educators in your district to contribute their feedback on the state's current K-12 academic standards [online](#). The window for comments will close at the **end of April**. The Southern Regional Education Board, as a third party and independent resource, will collect the data and turn that information over to be reviewed and analyzed by two committees and six advisory teams comprised of professional Tennessee educators. You can find additional information about the review process [here](#).

## Tipton & Henderson County Educators Create Relevant Opportunities for Students

As we mentioned in a previous update, Commissioner McQueen has embarked on a statewide road trip to meet with teachers and leaders. In [this post](#), she shares highlights from her recent visit to Tipton and Henderson Counties.

## Training Opportunity: Powerful Instructional Coaching

We are happy to announce that NIET is partnering with TOSS to present another training opportunity for evaluators and those who support evaluation. Although specifically designed for TEAM districts, the learning is applicable to anyone who provides feedback

based on evaluation. This session will be offered across the state on the following dates:

- Monday, March 23: Jackson, TN
- Tuesday, March 24: Nashville, TN
- Wednesday, March 25: Knoxville, TN

Registration for this training is \$110/person and includes lunch and materials. To get registered, please click [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to [Rene Diamond](#).

## Why I'm Thankful for My Teacher

We are excited to announce the launch of our second annual “Why I am Thankful for My Teacher” essay competition. This essay competition gives students a chance to publicly recognize a current K-12 Tennessee educator. Plus, the authors of the winning essays will receive a prize that we hope to announce soon. Students are encouraged to write an essay sharing how a teacher has impacted their life and why the student is thankful for them. Submissions should be no longer than 500 words and are due by **5 p.m. CDT on Friday, April 3**. For more information, check out this [blog post](#).

## Upcoming Deadlines

- The final date for teachers participating in the Fine Arts, Physical Education, and World Languages portfolios to submit their portfolios in GLADiS is **Wednesday, April 15**.

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