Hello Evaluation Configurators:

Headlines:

- **DUE:** October Deadlines
- **NEW:** TEAM Resources
- **JOIN:** Office Hours

Key Deadlines for October (TEAM Timeline)

*Be sure to check the TEAM website regularly for updates.

Date	Action	Owner	Resources	Contact
Oct. 9, 2026	Complete 2026-27 staffing in TNCompass.	Evaluation Configurators	District and School Staff Assignments Roles and Permissions	Team.Questions@tn.gov
Oct. 16, 2026	Enter final achievement measure scores (graduation rate, ACT, etc.) from 2025-26.	Evaluation Configurators & Administrators	Data Import Instructions for Evaluation Administrators	Team.Questions@tn.gov
Oct. 23, 2026	Ensure all implementing teachers have access through SSO to online student growth portfolio platform.	Portfolio Leads	Portfolio Resources | TEAM-TN	Portfolio.Questions@tn.gov

TEAM Resource Spotlight

TEAM Resources Added
Accessing TNPortfolio Portfolio implementing teachers must use their SSO as their username to log in to TNPortfolio. The teacher's SSO must be associated with the same school email address that was used by the Portfolio Lead when rostering the teacher. The SSO and rostered school email must match for the teacher to access the platform. For instructions on accessing TNPortfolio, visit Portfolio Platform: TNPortfolio | TEAM-TN.

If a teacher's school email has changed due to a name change or because they are new to the district, their SSO may need to be updated. Teachers should contact their district SIS coordinator to check or update their SSO.

TNCompass Resource Spotlight

TNCompass Evaluation Data Management Guide
This guidebook provides information for evaluation configurators to ensure all evaluation requirements are in accordance with T.C.A. § 49-1-302, State Board Rule 0520-02-01 Evaluations, and State Board Policy 5.201 Educator Evaluation Policy.

Office Hours

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On the third Thursday each month, there will be an opportunity for evaluation configurators and portfolio leads to join an office hour to ask questions pertaining to key components of implementation processes, resources, and deadlines.

Office Hours for the following roles on:
Thursday, October 15, 2026

Evaluation Configurator	10:00 a.m. CT	Click Here to join the meeting
Portfolio Lead	1:00 p.m. CT	Click Here to join the meeting

The office hours will not be recorded and posted during the 2026-27 school year.

Educator Recognition

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We are pleased to announce the opening of the 2027-28 Educator Recognition Year. Several updates have been made to better support districts and charter schools, align with statewide structures, and more thoughtfully reflect the demands of the school year:

- **Timeline Shift:** Nominations will be due on **November 1, 2026**. This adjustment was made to align the Educator Recognition Program more thoughtfully with educators' school calendars and to help avoid some of the busiest and most critical periods of the academic year, including school breaks, spring testing windows, and end-of-year responsibilities. Please reference the current Projected 2027-28 Educator Recognition Timeline.

- **Principal and Supervisor of the Year Nominations:** Districts and Charters may now nominate up to **three** principals and supervisors. Principals will need to adhere to one nominee from each grade band: Pre-K/Elementary, Middle School, and High School. Any three Supervisors may be nominated.
- **CORE Region Alignment:** To align with other Tennessee Department of Education programs and regional structures, Educator Recognition will now follow the traditional eight CORE Region model, replacing the previous nine-region structure which had separated Southwest and Memphis/Shelby and Municipal districts.
- **District Nominations Through Submittable:** This year, all four "Of the Year" nominations will be submitted through a single District Level Report Form in Submittable. A login is required and may be created using a district email address; for Submittable technical support, please contact Educator.Recognition@edu.tn.gov.

The previous 6 months of evaluation configurator emails can be found on the TEAM website. To see past emails, visit the homepage and scroll down to "Monthly Emails."

Thank you for all that you do to support Tennessee's students and teachers!

Best,

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