



## Hello October

October is an opportunity to lead with purpose. Whether you are mentoring colleagues, leading professional learning, or modeling reflective practice in your classroom, your influence, as a school leader, makes an impact at your schools. As we move deeper into the school year, take the time to acknowledge how much your dedication means to your students, your colleagues, and the profession.

This time of year often brings both momentum and challenge. Amid the busy pace of the fall semester, don't forget to take care of yourselves. Give yourself a moment to pause and breathe....

With that, some important updates and reminders for you....

- **Task 5 Personal Professional Development:** Please refer to our updates regarding GATE Professional Development.
- The 2025–26 NBPTS Certification Incentive Application opens November 3, 2025. This application is for new and current eligible NBCTs teaching at a school on the Eligible High-Priority Schools List. This application will close on January 30, 2026. Refer to CA NPPTS Program Information for more information.
- 2024-2025 CA Incentives: **WAIT FOR UPDATES**
- FALL Log Submission Window opens November 2, 2025.

Sincerely,  
Maria

## Joy and Wellness

Breathing exercises may seem simple, but they are valuable tools which provide physical and mental benefits. Deep controlled breathing reduces stress, anxiety, and promotes better oxygen exchange, which improves circulation and lowers blood pressure. Focus and clarity are also improved with slow and intentional breaths. Breathing exercises are like a “reset button” for your mind and body. Try these **breathing and calming exercises** the next time you find yourself in stressful moments.

## October 2025

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**  
**Bullying Prevention Month**  
**Latino Heritage Month**  
**LBGTQ+ History Month**



### Important Dates

October 2, 2025 Unassigned Day  
October 3, 2025 Schoology Window  
Opens for Fall Submission

### Office Hour Drop-In

(3:30 PM – 4:30 PM)

October 20th

October 22nd

October 30th

Complete the interest survey [here](#)

Zoom

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82617492667>

ID: 82617492667

### TDAS Mentor Information Meeting

for all NBC Teachers supporting any  
teacher under

Task 1a through 1e (not TGI)

(Registration required in [MyPLN](#))

October 23rd, 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM



### Log Submission

Fall – November 2, 2025

Spring – April 26, 2026



# Highlights for the Month



## Nomination

**The Snap Inc. Institute for Technology & Education (SITE)** in CSUDH's College of Education is **seeking submissions for their 3rd annual computer science awards!** Any teacher in the greater LA region who teaches or integrates computer science is eligible to apply. There are three \$500 awards available this year. Please consider nominating someone on your team who teaches or integrates computer science, or sharing out with your colleagues who can also self-nominate. The award ceremony will be held the evening of Thursday, December 4th at CSUDH.

For more information, visit: [BIT.LY/SITE2025AWARD\\_flyer](https://bit.ly/SITE2025AWARD_flyer)



## 2025-2026 NBPTS Certification Incentive Application

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**Drop-in Office Hour sessions** are available to provide you with dedicated time for personalized support in a one-to-one or small group virtual setting. Join us for any of our sessions to ask questions, get clarification, or get support on NBC related topics. **Upcoming sessions will be held on: October 20, 22, and 30.** Complete the interest survey [here](#).



# Teacher Development and Support (TDAS) Mentoring

Now that new teachers have developed an understanding of their students and their learning needs, it's the perfect time to focus on supporting your mentees to design strong lessons.

There are many different formats that teachers can use for organizing lesson planning. Regardless of which structure they use, effective lesson plans include key elements such as:

- Learning Objective
- Standards Alignment
- Anticipatory Set (Hook)
- Instructional Procedures
- Differentiation Strategies
- Assessment
- Closure
- Materials and Technology
- Reflection

To help you plan for your next coaching conversations on "Lesson Design," you are invited to get more information on this topic from the "Lesson Planning" section of the *TDAS Mentor Handbook* or the *October 16<sup>th</sup> Monthly Mentor Professional Development*.

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<https://bit.ly/MENTORNOW>

## Mentor Trainings - Task 8

The next optional **TDAS Monthly Mentor PD** will be held on **October 16th, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**. This virtual PD on "**Lesson Design**" will provide opportunities for mentors to practice probing questions and active listening stems to guide mentees through long-term lesson design. SAVE your spot and register via [MyPLN](#) ([flyer](#)).

## 2025-2026 TDAS Mentor Information Meeting

If you are mentoring a teacher under Task 1 (excluding those exclusively supporting TGI candidates), you are required to attend one of the TDAS Mentor Information Meeting in order to submit Task 1 hours. The next meeting will be on October 23. Register via [MyPLN](#).

## 2025-2026 Fundamentals of Mentoring

This optional 10-hour PD series is offered to NBCTs who are supporting mentees under Task 1a through 1e (not mentors exclusively supporting TGI candidates) and have not completed this course or the Foundations of Coaching session within the last 5 years. The next cohort begins in September. Register via [MyPLN](#)



# Closer Look/Second Look

## Annual Information Meeting for NBC Teachers Meeting Task 2 Update

**Reminder-** The Task 2 log for attending the Annual Information Meeting for NBCTs in August or September 2025 will **not be sent** via email. The Teacher Development and Support (TDAS) office will process the 2 hours of credit for attending the meeting and include them in the Fall log submission window on behalf of NBC teachers. No further action will be required by the NBCT for these 2 hours to be processed. These hours will be reflected in the February 2026 payroll.

# Task 5: Personal Professional Development (PD)

## TASK 5 REMINDERS AND UPDATE:

- The **Task 5 Log must be signed in ink** by the lead presenter of the professional development (PD). If the PD is conducted virtually, the principal may sign the activity log, except for PDs sponsored by the Teacher Development and Support (TDAS) Branch.
- The professional development must be **led by an identified presenter** whether it is in person or virtual (led synchronously). The PD must be verified by an **official certificate of completion** issued by the sponsoring organization, or an organization recognized at the state, national or international level or an **official transcript** from an accredited college/university. The documentation, which must be submitted with the log, is required to include the following: NBCT's name, PD title, sponsoring organization, date and time duration of the PD. When this information is not available the official detailed description of the PD can be included.
- Remember to review the list of activities that are **ineligible for NBC Task 5** compensation. Ineligible activities include, but are not limited to: Viewing recorded webinars or on-demand curriculum; Asynchronous, self-paced, or individual exploration of website or resources, even if connected to your teaching assignment and offered through MyPLN; PD that does not have an official certificate of completion available; Required training that is part of your job responsibility (i.e., GATE training for SAS schools, grade level, or department training), and more. Review the Task 5 guidelines for other ineligible Task 5 activities.

**Personalized Learning Systems (PLS)** is offering professional development for Schoology related topics that may be of interest to you. Review the Task 5 Guidelines to ensure they meet the criteria for eligibility. See the [flyer](#) for more information.

**GATE Professional Development Update** – If you are interested in submitting GATE PD as a GATE teacher and/or a SAS school site teacher beyond the required/recommended 16hrs., you may submit the [Gifted and Talented Education \(GATE\) Professional Development Record](#) from the Gifted/Talented Programs office. This form must list all GATE PDs completed during the current school year. The PD hours requested or Task 5 must meet the criteria as outlined in the Task 5 Guidelines. Fieldwork activities, as identified in bullet 4 of the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Professional Development Record, are ineligible. The Task 5 Log, the GATE PD record and the Completion Certificate(s) are all required in one combined PDF for the Task 5 submission.

## Reminder: Leaves of Absences Process

NBC Teachers who are beginning and/or returning from a leave of absence are required to complete the Information Update Forms located in the NBC Schoology Course in the General Information folder. Upon returning from a leave, an updated PAC is also required.

[RETURNING FROM A LEAVE  
INFORMATION UPDATE](#)

[LEAVE OF ABSENCE](#)

### NBC Task Log Fall Submission Important Dates

<b>Optional FALL LOG SUBMISSION</b>	<b>On February 5, 2026, paycheck</b>
Fall Log Due in Schoology	<b>Due November 2, 2025</b>
Revisions NBC Teachers are required to check for comments and monitor for the resubmission request date.	Date indicated in comments on Schoology
Notify TDAS Office of any Schoology discrepancies	January 12–16, 2026
Notify TDAS Office of pay errors.	February 10, 2026



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