



To: Cohort One Host Teachers

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Welcome to the third issue of the LUTE STEM Host Teacher Newsletter. Just as a reminder: My direct email is: [harriet.fayne@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:harriet.fayne@lehman.cuny.edu); the project also has its own email address ([Lute.stem@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:Lute.stem@lehman.cuny.edu)). I am always looking for feedback. From my years as an administrator, I have learned that dealing with a problem (often conceived to be a minor issue) at the outset is way better than waiting for the problem to become a crisis. So, if you are in the least bit uncomfortable with how the project is unfolding, let me know.

**Funds Set Aside for Professional Learning:** Are you interested in creating a supportive community of teachers and teacher educators as you enter this new unprecedented academic year and getting paid to do so? If so, you may be interested in a new project: *Liberatory Learning through Design Thinking*. Jen Collett and Sunyata Smith, two of our Lehman faculty, are facilitating the project. They have put together a short video, approximately 22 minutes, to provide an overview of liberatory design thinking and how it can impact your practice. Click below to access the video:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xLDZ3AcQe0YqvNM3DgdW9K-T94R3oD6F?usp=sharing>

If you are interested in joining the project, you will be compensated! For those who want to learn more about Liberatory Design Thinking, Drs. Collett and Smith are planning a webinar series (7 meetings scheduled twice a month during the Fall 2020 semester). *We will compensate attendees (\$50 per webinar x 7 = \$350). Four teachers will be eligible to participate in a community of practice (January and June, 2021) to implement the design projects in their classrooms during Spring 2021 semester. These four will receive an additional \$1,150.* If you are interested in learning more about the webinar series or the community of practice, please contact Jen Collett ([Jennifer.Collett@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Collett@lehman.cuny.edu)). We will need to secure the names of interested individuals no later than September 15, 2020 in order to process payments.

**Speaking of Compensation:** We want to get the \$500 we owe you for participating in onboarding activities into your bank accounts! If you are still having trouble with the RFCUNY

Human Resources site, please email Gail Gray ([gail.gray@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:gail.gray@lehman.cuny.edu)). She will arrange a time to talk you through it.

**Getting Ready for the School Year to Begin:** I am hearing good news from Alderson Magloire, Project Director, about the check-in meetings held this week. I understand that there will be meetings scheduled next week as well. He has reported back to me that the meetings were especially productive if host teachers and residents had held an introductory meeting prior to this week's check-in. He also said that "surprise appearances" from Lehman partner school liaison faculty added another exciting dimension to the conversation.

**Reaching Out to One of You. We Need Your Assistance:** Dawn Boyer tells me that we are missing only one host teacher in our survey data. You know who you are...we don't! So, help us reach 100% submission by clicking on the two links provided below and answer the items. Many thanks.

- You can find The Demographic/Background Survey includes 14 questions pertaining to your demographic and educational background. **Click [here to access the Demographic survey](#).**
- The Pre Survey includes 7 questions designed to gather information on your current level of knowledge and understanding of teaching practices and STEM content. **Click [here to access the Pre Survey](#).**

**Webinars:** I continue to include the links to our webinar series and the Digital Literacy resource folder in weekly newsletters:

- [Introduction to LUTE STEM](#) (and a copy of the [Phase One Handbook](#))
- [Co-Teaching](#)
- [Cognitive Coaching: Part One](#)
- [Digital Literacy Resource Folder](#)