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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

An Update on Current Initiatives

Dear Members,

I hope this letter finds you all well. Our Board of Managers is grateful for your support of the Association, and it is because of members like you that we can continue our work to support gifted and talented children in our state. On behalf of the Board, I would like to take a moment to update you on some of our support of current initiatives involving advocacy for our gifted and talented students in Louisiana. There are many exciting legislative actions that we are currently encouraging our legislators to support.

Gifted Children in Louisiana deserve services and programming that meets their needs. AGTS Louisiana, in partnership with its members, advocates for the adoption of policies that promote programs and services that meets these unique needs. Our goal is to advocate for, and support gifted and talented children throughout the state. AGTS Louisiana is currently in discussion with both Senator Cassidy, (Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP)) and Senator Kennedy, (Appropriations Committee). AGTSLA seeks to advocate for three current initiatives involving Javits Funding, The Advanced Coursework Equity Act, and The Higher Education Act (previously known as PROSPER) and now known as HEA (Higher Education Act) These three initiatives each impact our gifted community. Although each initiative does not solely impact gifted and talented child in Louisiana, all three impact educational opportunities for our children.

Javits Funding

The Jacob Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act, first passed in 1988, is the only federal program dedicated to gifted and talented students. It was reauthorized through Every Student Succeeds Act to “support the development of talent in U.S. schools.”

The Advanced Coursework Equity Act

Introduced in the House of on August 4, 2020, The Advanced Coursework Equity Act establishes three competitive grant programs to increase enrollment and performance of underrepresented students in advanced courses and programs. Under this Act, eligible states and school districts can receive grants to fund activities, such as conducting community engagement, expanding enrollment of underrepresented students in advanced courses, and providing direct services to underrepresented students.

The Higher Education Act (previously known as PROSPER)

The Higher Education Act is a federal law that governs federal higher education programs. It is designed to “strengthen the educational resources of colleges and universities and to provide financial assistance for students in postsecondary and higher education.”

Again, we truly appreciate your support of the Association, and I look forward to working with you in the years ahead. Please email us with any questions.

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Providing Challenge & Fun



Enrichment is a tried-and-true approach to providing the challenge and fun gifted and high ability learners need. Enriched learning opportunities build on the regular curriculum, provide greater context, and delve more deeply into topics of interest.

Engaging children in learning seems easiest when they are interested, have the ability, and understand why the learning is important. Parents and educators alike can provide learning experiences that allow children to develop their creativity and critical thinking skills. Giving gifted and high ability learners the chance to solve real-world problems is sure to keep them motivated and engaged in the learning process. Problem-based learning allows students to be actively engaged in structured activities that integrate interdisciplinary concepts and advanced content. Motivating gifted and talented children can be as straightforward as providing opportunities for exploration and investigation of the real-world problems through personal interest. In this way, parents and educators are facilitators of the learning, providing structure and appropriate amounts of support when needed.



AGTSLouisiana Updates

The Association for Gifted and Talented Students in Louisiana is now on Facebook! Come build and connect to a community of educators and parents from across the state of Louisiana as we share information, resources and news related to gifted and talented education. Check out our Facebook page at www.tinyurl.com/AGTSLA-FB.

AGTSLouisiana, a NAGC affiliate, is excited to offer a free, one-year subscription to Renzulli Learning Home Edition. This online resource is a program that creates a personalized learning plan which includes academics, enrichment, and problem-based learning. It is specially designed to develop talent in gifted and talented children. Click [here](#) to watch a brief video about the program and how the profile setup helps to direct the learning activities for individual students.



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