

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences: Identification of the 2014-15 Hispanic Heritage Studies Advocate and Alternate Representatives

**Category:**

**Audience:** All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

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To support Hispanic Heritage studies throughout the academic year and beyond the scope of Hispanic Heritage month, schools are asked to identify a Hispanic Heritage Studies Advocate.

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- The Department of Social Sciences announces the creation of a new initiative to support Hispanic Heritage Studies throughout the academic year and asks schools to identify a school volunteer/advocate. It is preferable that the advocate be a teacher but can be a support staff member and/or parent.
  - The Hispanic Heritage Studies Advocate will participate in a minimum of two professional development workshops in order to assist their schools in meeting the mandate to include instruction on Hispanic Contributions to U.S. History not only during Hispanic Heritage month but throughout the academic year.
  - Workshops will be delivered in collaboration with Florida International University's Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC) and emphasize the serious academic, social, political, economic, and cultural contributions of Hispanic-Americans and focus on increasing participant's knowledge of Latin-American and Caribbean issues. In addition, best-practices will be shared regarding appropriate and academically stimulating activities for teachers to use during Hispanic Heritage Month.
  - Schools are to complete the online registration form on or before **Friday, October 31, 2014**. The form may be accessed by the following link:  
<http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/forms/hispanic-heritage-advocate-form.asp>.
  - Once schools have identified their Hispanic Heritage Studies Advocate, information about future workshops will be communicated directly to those individuals.
  - Should you need additional information or have questions, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, [rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net](mailto:rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net) or see the contact information below.

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