

ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- NewsLitCamp! October 2, 2017

Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Middle), Principals/APs (Senior High), All Teachers , Media Specialists

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To announce the availability of a professional development opportunity from the Department of Social Sciences about news literacy taking place on October 2, 2017.

- The Department of Social Sciences, in cooperation with the News Literacy Project and The Miami Herald, is offering a one-day News Literacy Camp for interested teachers on October 2, 2017. See below for session description and pertinent logistics.
- **It's Time for NewsLitCamp!** Join the News Literacy Project (NLP) and The Miami Herald for NewsLitCamp, a fun-filled, teacher-centered professional development workshop, on Monday, Oct. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Herald's office (3511 NW 91 Ave.). NLP is a nonpartisan education nonprofit that helps students in middle school and high school develop the skills to navigate today's complex information landscape and to know what information to trust.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- **Register (it's free!): M-DCPS Teachers- Sign up through MyLearningPlan. Search for the Course titled: Social Sciences- NewsLitCamp! Space is limited.**
- **About NewsLitCamp:** Middle school and high school educators will come together in the Herald's state-of-the-art newsroom for news literacy training and conversations with Herald journalists. This is a hybridized approach to "EdCamp"-style professional development, combining topical workshops (developed with input from teachers) in the morning and open-ended, participant-driven sessions in the afternoon.
- **Why should I attend?** NLP's goal in creating these events is to help educators improve their own news literacy skills, introduce them to existing tools for teaching news literacy and get their ideas and input for new materials and techniques. We also want to encourage a greater understanding between journalists and teachers — including an appreciation of the realities each face in playing a vital civic role with increasingly scarce resources. Participants will receive continuing education units (CEUs) from MDCPS.
- **Who is invited:** This NewsLitCamp is designed for middle and high school social studies, journalism and ELA teachers, as well as school librarians/media specialists, but all educators are welcome. Multiple teachers from the same school are encouraged to attend.
- **Bonus:** Participants will learn about NLP's cutting-edge web-based [checkology® virtual classroom](#), a comprehensive news literacy e-learning hub for secondary school students that complements teachers' lesson plans. The platform supports the development of critical-thinking

skills through 12 engaging lessons led by well-known journalists and experts in the First Amendment and digital media. Topics include:

- The standards of quality journalism, and strategies for using those standards to determine the credibility of all information that students encounter.
 - Watchdog journalism and its contributions to democracy.
 - The recognition and evaluation of bias in news and information.
 - Viral rumors: how they start and how they spread.
 - The ethical implications of branded content.
 - The role of personalization algorithms in the creation of filter bubbles.
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- Premium access to the virtual classroom (which includes extras such as individual student logins and teacher evaluation and feedback functionality) is available at no charge for the 2017-18 school year.

 - Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.

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