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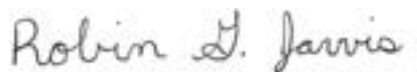
As we are wrapping up July and trying to get the last bit of fun and freedom out of the summer, it's hard to ignore the preparations for the new school year with the back-to-school sales and end of summer activities. While it can be sad to let go of these last days of summer, I hope that you all have the same sense of excitement for the new school year that my grandkids have. My granddaughter is anxious to find out who her teacher will be and to see all her friends again. While my grandson is very excited about his dinosaur water bottle, backpack, and tennis shoes as he begins Kindergarten and finally gets to go to school with his big sister.

In this issue of our newsletter, we provide our recent blog on family and community engagement and a brief on strengthening professional learning as well as resources from the National Comprehensive Center and the Institute of Education Sciences' new Secondary Writing Toolkit. I hope these resources are helpful as you put the final touches on your summer and your plans for the new school year.

Additionally, many of you have had a busy summer with various professional learning opportunities, conferences, and other events. If you haven't yet been able to take some time for yourself, be sure to check out the National Parks and Recreation Month resources, including specific information about Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi parks, that we've included below.

To keep up with future resources and events from the Gulf CC and our CCNetwork and other federal technical assistance partners, please [subscribe to our newsletter](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#), or [LinkedIn](#).

We look forward to continuing our partnership with educators in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi as we support your priorities for student learning.



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Resource Spotlight

Blog – [Strong Systems for Family and Community Engagement Build Partnerships That Improve Student Outcomes | Gulf CC](#)

Briefs

[Get Smart Fast: High-Quality Afterschool and Summer Programs Lead to Improved Student Outcomes | CCNetwork National Center](#)

[Strengthening Professional Learning Through State Systems | Gulf CC](#)

Guide – [Guide to the Implementation of High-Quality Instructional Materials \(HQIM\) | National Comprehensive Center](#)

Toolkit – [Secondary Writing Toolkit | Institute of Education Sciences](#)

Events

Webinar: Designing System Coherence for Content-Based English Language Development
Center on English Language Proficiency

July 28 | 1 p.m. ET

[Register Here](#)

Webinar: Local Solutions to Empower Rural and Tribal Schools (Three-Part Series)

Session 1: Educator Housing Options

National Comprehensive Center and the Center on Strengthening and Supporting the Educator Workforce

July 30 | 3 p.m. ET

[Register Here](#)

National Observance: National Parks and Recreation Month

- [Park and Recreation Month | National Recreation and Park Association](#)
 - [250th Celebration in National Parks | National Park Service](#)
 - [Annual Parks and Recreation Month in Orange Beach | Gulf Shores News](#)
 - [State Park Annual Passes | America's State Parks](#)
 - [Mississippi Parks | National Park Service](#)
 - [Play Davie: National Parks and Recreation Month 2026 | Town of Davie Florida](#)
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