



To: Cohort One Host Teachers

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Welcome to LUTE STEM. We hope that this first issue of our host teacher newsletter finds you well. We know that you are all busy preparing for the 2020-2021 school year. While we know that there is a great deal of uncertainty, one thing is certain. We are here to support you as we work tirelessly to narrow achievement and opportunity gaps for Bronx students.

Placements: I am happy to report that we have 100% of our placements for Cohort One. While our systems are far from nimble or flawless, we are in the process of getting all of you into the Research Foundation Human Resources data base so that you get compensated for your participation in onboarding activities. Gail Gray will contact you with updated information as soon as she receives it.

Getting Acquainted: We asked your resident to contact you directly to set up a one-on-one introductory phone call or Zoom meeting. We gave them the following prompts to get the conversation started:

- 1) Ask your host teacher to talk about his or her teacher preparation training and student teaching experience.
- 2) Share **two** autobiographical facts with your host teacher.
- 3) Pick **three** of the prompts below (adapted from St. Cloud University Co-Teaching protocols), give agree/disagree response and then talk about why:

I find it helpful to bounce ideas off of other people
I am comfortable being told by others what they need from me
I am able to speak openly about my feelings
I express my opinions, even if others disagree with me
I feel comfortable saying "no" to people
I can detect the mood of others by look at them as we converse
I become defensive when I am being criticized
I am able to resolve problems without losing control of my emotions

Alderson, our Project Director, reports that several of you have already responded to email requests. We hope that all of you are able to do so over the next two weeks.

Webinars: By now, you should have received emails with links to the following recorded webinars:

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

In addition, you recently received an invitation to join our residents at a synchronous workshop on digital literacy to be held on Thursday, August 13th at 5:30 p.m. Details for this workshop include:

Zoom Meeting

<https://lehman.zoom.us/j/92489097902?pwd=RDB2VGZyalUwRUlHUGhrWWFKUEVldz09>

Meeting ID: 924 8909 7902

Passcode: 536221

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Resource Folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lDtp8H9YQgmX6Aqvj1AX3MYd74b4iDlr?usp=sharing>

Suzanne Libfeld and Ann Cola are the session organizers. They have requested that you dive into the Google Drive folder, retrieve the Next Generation Standards document and one of the articles about digital literacy. At the “meet up,” they will ask you to share your thoughts about the digital literacy standards and how they change expectations for your students.