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Welcome to The Notepad, your monthly newsletter for all things education equity. As the [recently renewed Region I Equity Assistance Center](#), the **Center for Education Equity** at MAEC shares news, resources, and events that help you to become the best equity-driven leader you can be.

Ready to jot down some valuable tips and resources?

UPCOMING EVENTS



Supporting EL and Immigrant Families: It's More than Just Language

Wednesday, April 12, 7 pm ET


Many students learning English come from immigrant families navigating the complexities of acculturation, trauma, resettlement, and isolation while building on their strengths and developing resiliency.

[Register for the EL and Immigrant Families webinar](#) from Immigrant Connections to examine the strengths and needs of families with a holistic, social-emotional lens approach.

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YOU DO WHAT YOU
DO BEST.**

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 MAEC

We know you're busy changing lives and inspiring the next generation, and we want to make sure we're supporting you in the best ways possible. That's why we need your input!

[Take MAEC's survey](#) to tell us what education topics are most important to you and how you prefer to receive information. Your responses will help us create materials that meet

your needs as education equity leaders.

But wait, there's more! Respondents who complete the survey by Monday, May 15 will be entered into a drawing to win one of four **\$25 gift cards**.

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RESOURCES



April is Arab American Heritage Month!

[MAEC's resource list](#) has lesson plans, movie and book recommendations, and more to get you started celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of Arab Americans this month.



Supporting Trans Students Beyond Transgender Day of Visibility

Celebrating the lives and experiences of transgender students cannot be relegated to just one day! K-12 teachers and counselors can watch a video or download a transcript of MAEC's webinar, [Thriving, Not Just Surviving: How Teachers & Counselors Can Support Trans & Non-Binary Students at School](#), which offers classroom practices, norms, and activities to support trans and non-binary students year-round.



IN THE NEWS



Supporting Trans and Gender Non-Conforming (GNC) Students (GLSEN)

Making school trans-inclusive is a year-round effort. [These resources from the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network \(GLSEN\)](#) center trans and gender non-conforming students and educators who share personal experiences and can help students and educators learn about gender diversity, pronoun visibility, trans students' rights, and inclusive curriculum and GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) practices.

We Can’t Keep ChatGPT Out of the Classroom, so Let’s Address the ‘Why’ Behind Our Fears (EdSurge)

[Excerpt from the article:](#) "I asked students to enter the same essay prompt they’d written back in October into ChatGPT, then compare their work to ChatGPT’s instant essay. They scored ChatGPT’s work using the same College Board rubric their essays were evaluated against. Once they were done scoring, the students determined that the computer was no match, confirming that it lacked the specificity, musicality and soul that their writing exhibits."

What's the Right Mindset for Teaching English Learners? A Teacher Explains (EdWeek)

[Excerpt from the article:](#) "I remember [when I was a student] and EL students started moving in, it was different because there weren’t very many EL kids. I know some people were like, 'What am I gonna do? I don’t know what to do with this student. How do I teach them?'"



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