

UPDATES

VIRTUAL ADVOCACY DAY FOR EDUCATORS AND LEADERS

Learning Forward hosted its first Virtual Advocacy Day in September to help school and district educators and leaders make their personalized and compelling cases to lawmakers for professional learning policy and funding.

Participants learned advocacy strategies and tips to build their advocacy skills and shared ideas about how to collect and present data and evidence about the impact of high-quality professional learning to their representatives. Participants also met with key staff from the Congressional offices representing their states and districts.



ADVOCACY FOR TITLE IIA IS KEY

As of this writing, the House and Senate have negotiated a continuing resolution, a temporary budget measure that will keep the government operating through Dec. 16. During that period, Congress will work on finalizing fiscal year 2023 appropriations for all federal programs, including education programs. Title IIA, which provides funding for professional learning to school districts, is in relatively good shape going into these negotiations, with the House Appropriations Committee approving a \$100 million increase for next year and Senate Democrats supporting an \$83 million increase. However, it remains to be seen what the final number will be and whether Congress can complete work on fiscal year 2023 appropriations before it adjourns for the year.

Learning Forward and its stakeholder community have urged Congress to approve a final, negotiated fiscal year 2023 omnibus appropriations bill that contains a \$100 million increase for Title IIA. We do not want Congress to kick funding decisions on Title IIA and other key education programs into next year or simply pass a yearlong continuing resolution that would lead to flat funding for Title IIA and virtually all education programs.

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2023 themes for *The Learning Professional*

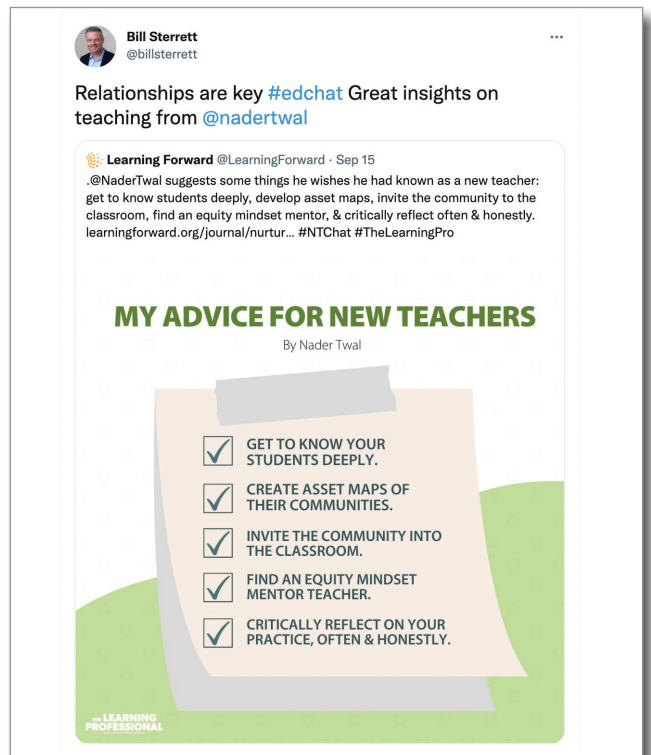
Here are themes and submission deadlines for the 2023 issues of *The Learning Professional*:

- February 2023: **The retention challenge** (due Nov. 1, 2022).
- April 2023: **Continuous improvement in schools** (closed to submissions).
- June 2023: **Accelerating learning** (due Feb. 1, 2023).
- August 2023: **About time** (due April 1, 2023).
- October 2023: **Supporting students with special needs** (due June 1, 2023).
- December 2023: **Taking the next career step** (due Aug. 1, 2023).

To learn more about the themes and view submission guidelines, visit learningforward.org/the-learning-professional/write-for-us.

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