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Greetings, A+PEL Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday and that you and your family are well. We are beginning the second semester of the 2015-2016 school year, with lots of work ahead of us to prepare our students for standardized tests in the spring. I want to encourage each of you to continue to give your best, your students are depending on you to meet their educational needs.

Thank you for your hard work and contribution to education in Red River Parish.

A+PEL Announcements

Volunteer of the Year Awards Program

The annual A+PEL School Volunteer Awards Program is designed to recognize the many valuable contributions made by Louisiana school volunteers.

Additionally, the program is intended to increase awareness of the importance of parental and citizen involvement in Louisiana's education. **Deadline to**

Nominate is February 1, 2016.

A+PEL Professional development grant

This grant is intended to assist professional educators in paying the fees associated with the registration, travel, and/or attendance at a professional development conference, seminar, or workshop. Deadlines: This scholarship operates on a rolling system: with deadlines on February 15th, June 15th and September 15th.. See A+PEL website for application form and additional details.



CHAPTER MEETING

As a chapter, it is important that Red River have a roster of officers for the coming year. For the past several years, the officers have rolled over. I am asking that we start the process of electing or having members volunteer to serve.

A chapter meeting will be held Friday, January 15, 2016 (Professional Development day during lunch hours (11:00-12:15)). Place: **YORK CHOP**. Please **RSVP** to abarfield@rrbulldogs.com or cturner@rrbulldogs.com by Tuesday, January 12. See you there.

The Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana (A+PEL) is the premier educators' organization in Louisiana, advancing A+ teachers as career professionals. By focusing on professional development, teacher advocacy and excellence in education, we empower Louisiana's youth for future success.

Registration for A+PEL's 2016 Summer Conference is now open.

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