We hope you and your Long Island Council for the Social Studies constituents are doing well during this unprecedented time of school closures and the migration to online learning. The American Psychological Association (APA) has been providing our members, educators, and the public with <u>up-to-date resources and information</u> on topics such as stress, mental health care, and online learning. We hope these resources will be helpful to you.

The APA Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS) has made <u>20 unit lesson</u> plans and a new, searchable database of classroom and laboratory activities available for all psychology teachers. We welcome your assistance in sharing news of these free resources, and the announcements below with any high school psychology teachers in your network. We hope you will share this message through any communication means you have to reach high school psychology teachers.

Announcements

APF High School Psychology Outreach Grants

The purpose of these grants is to support innovative programs that support networking, professional development and educational outreach opportunities for high school psychology teachers and students. These grants support regional networks of high school psychology teachers, as described in this guide. APF has made \$6,000 available; the application deadline is May 15, 2020.

APA TOPSS Committee Elections: Call for nominations

Any teacher who is interested in become more involved with TOPSS, or who is interested in gaining leadership experience and positively impacting the teaching of high school psychology, is encouraged to consider serving on the TOPSS Committee. In 2020, two Members-at-Large and one Chair-elect will be nominated. Interested candidates should submit nomination materials by July 15, 2020.

TOPSS represents the interests of high school psychology teachers and promotes excellence in the teaching of psychological science at the high school level. More information about TOPSS is available <u>on its website</u>. Please contact Emily Leary Chesnes (eleary@apa.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance and on behalf of APA, we hope you and your colleagues and loved ones are doing well.

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