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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: August 26, 2019

SUBJECT: Constitution Day September 17, 2019

CONSTITUTION DAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 - RESOURCES AVAILABLE

September 17 is **Constitution Day** in the U.S. Each educational agency that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year is required to hold an educational program about the U.S. Constitution for its students. This is a reminder to school districts of this responsibility, and also to provide free educational resources.

The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has provided the following links to websites that contain materials that can be publicly accessed for general use, or for use as teaching materials in the classroom. The USDE does not mandate or prescribe particular curricula or lesson plans. The links are to learning resources created and maintained by other public and private organizations. These resources include:

- The USDE [Federal Resources for Excellence in Education \(FREE\)](#) offers more than 25 resources from various federal agencies.
- The [National Archives](#) website provides [Constitution Day activities](#) and materials.
- The [Library of Congress American Memory](#) website provides numerous resources on the [Constitution](#).
- The National Endowment for the Humanities provides content on the Constitution through the [EDSITEMENT](#) website.
- The U.S. Senate has posted material from the [Legislative Branch](#).
- The [National History Education Clearinghouse](#) (NHEC) has Constitution information on its website.

Federal, state, and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, social, and educational organizations, may want to conduct ceremonies and programs that bring together community members to reflect on the importance of the Constitution.

Superintendents can look forward to a video from Superintendent Jillian Balow that touches on the Constitution, as well as the importance of civics education.

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