Reading 360 & Tennessee Serves Network Webinar

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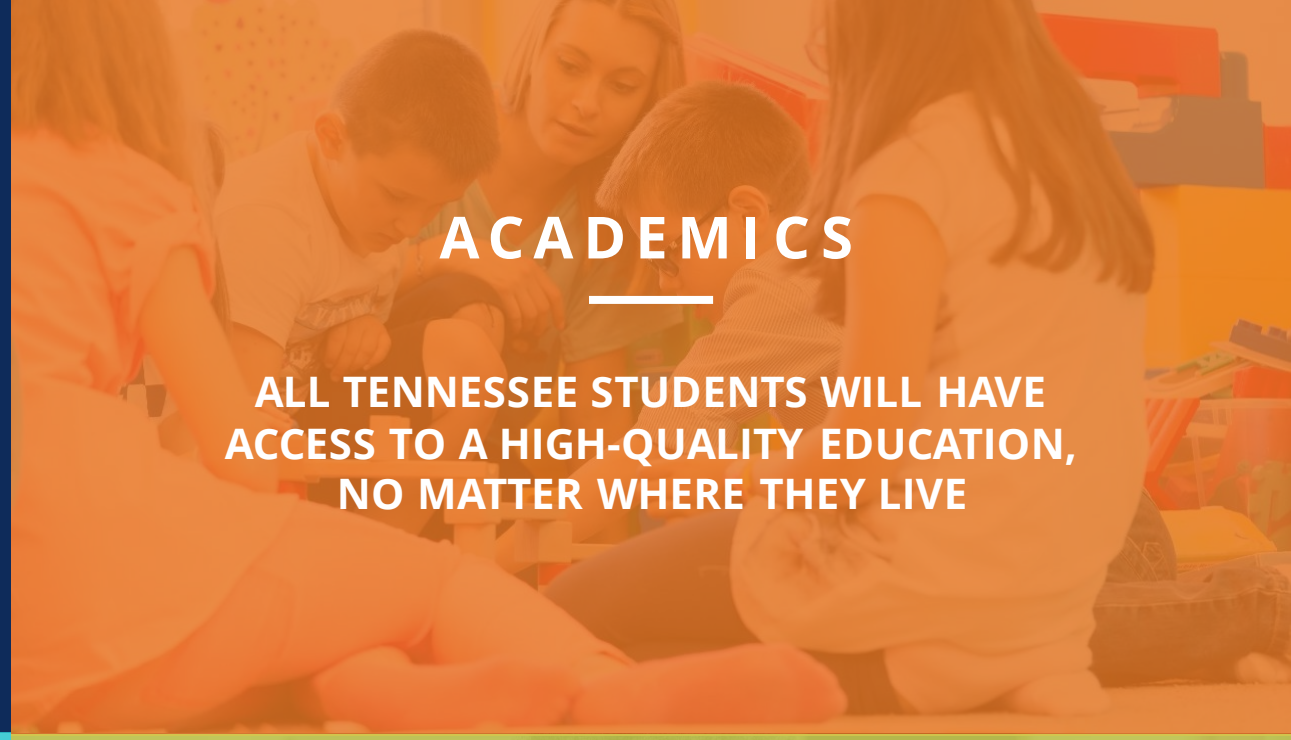
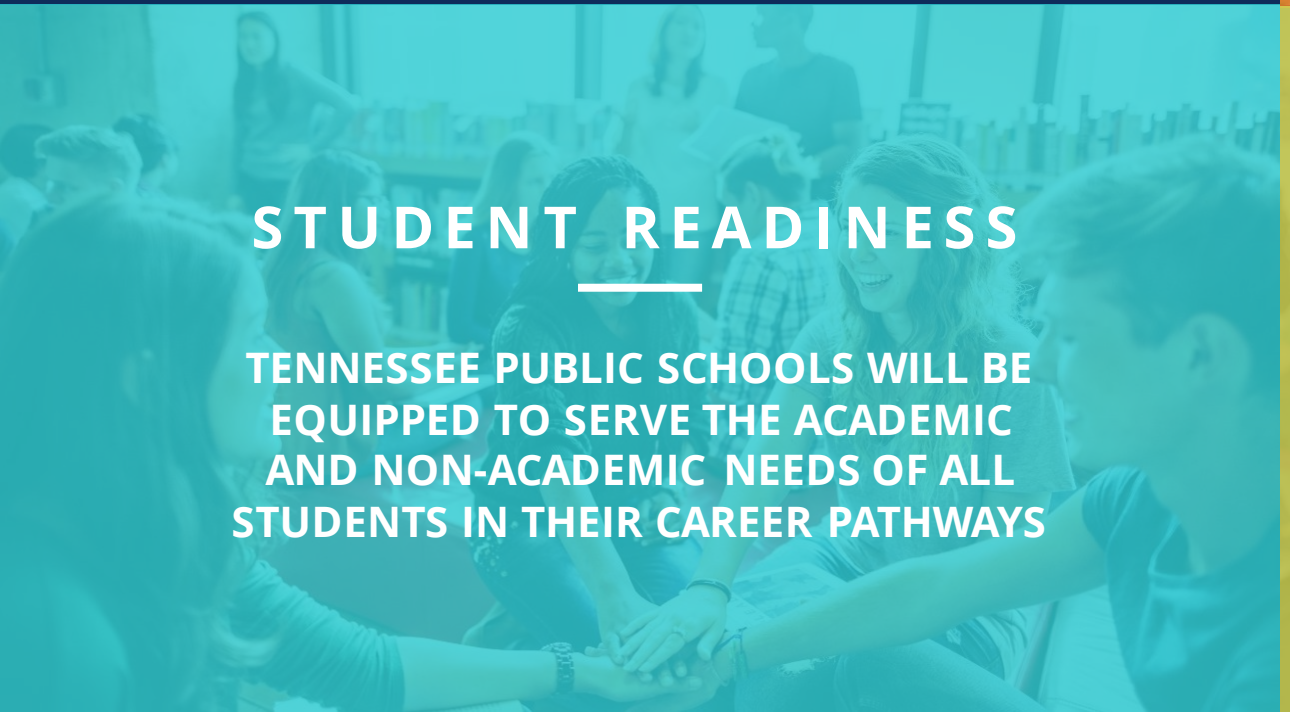
We will set all students on a path to success.



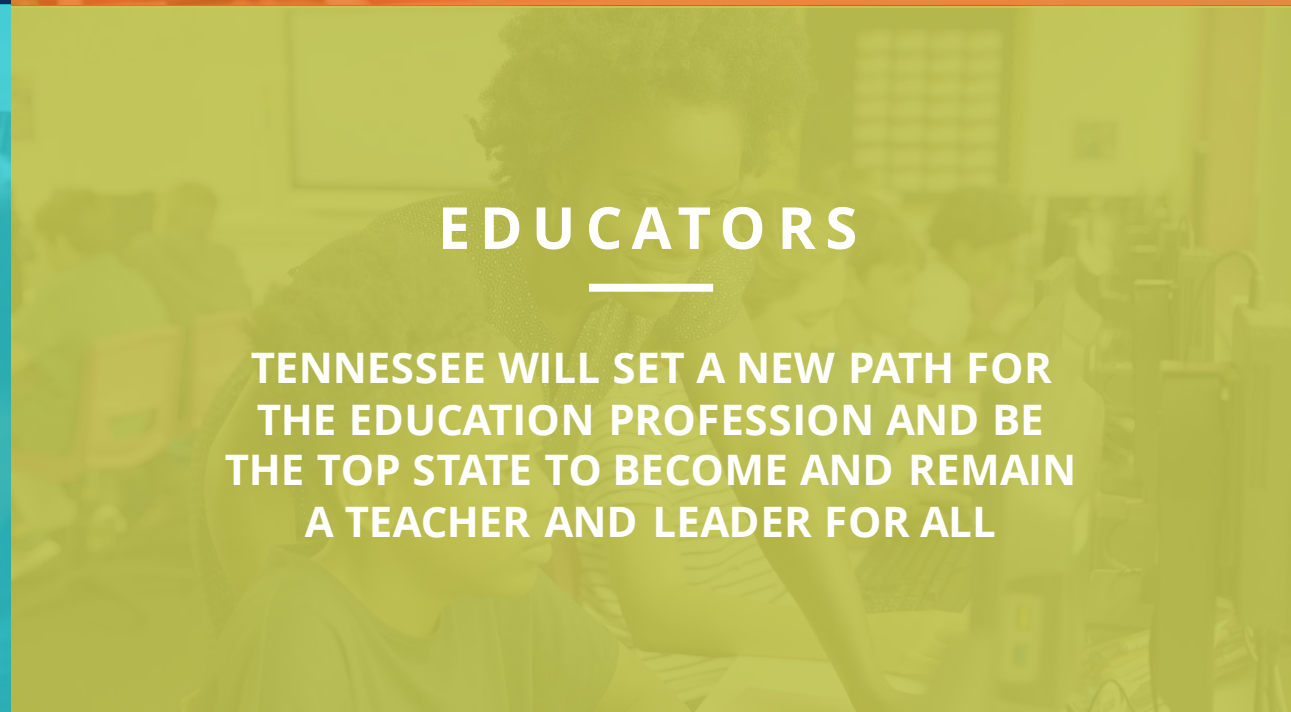
ACADEMICS

ALL TENNESSEE STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE



STUDENT READINESS

TENNESSEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS IN THEIR CAREER PATHWAYS



EDUCATORS

TENNESSEE WILL SET A NEW PATH FOR THE EDUCATION PROFESSION AND BE THE TOP STATE TO BECOME AND REMAIN A TEACHER AND LEADER FOR ALL

Roles of the TDOE

- Implementation of federal and state laws
    - Tennessee State Board of Education passes policies on a range of K-12 topics based on state laws
    - Local governance and decision-making by districts
- School district implementation support and one-on-one technical assistance
- Educational resources
- Monitoring

Agenda

I. Reading 360

II. Special Session Law

- Literacy Success Act

III. Tennessee Serves Network

IV. Q&A

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What is Reading 360?

$100M investment of one-time federal funding to provide optional grants, tools and resources to help more Tennessee students develop strong reading skills by supporting districts, teachers, and families

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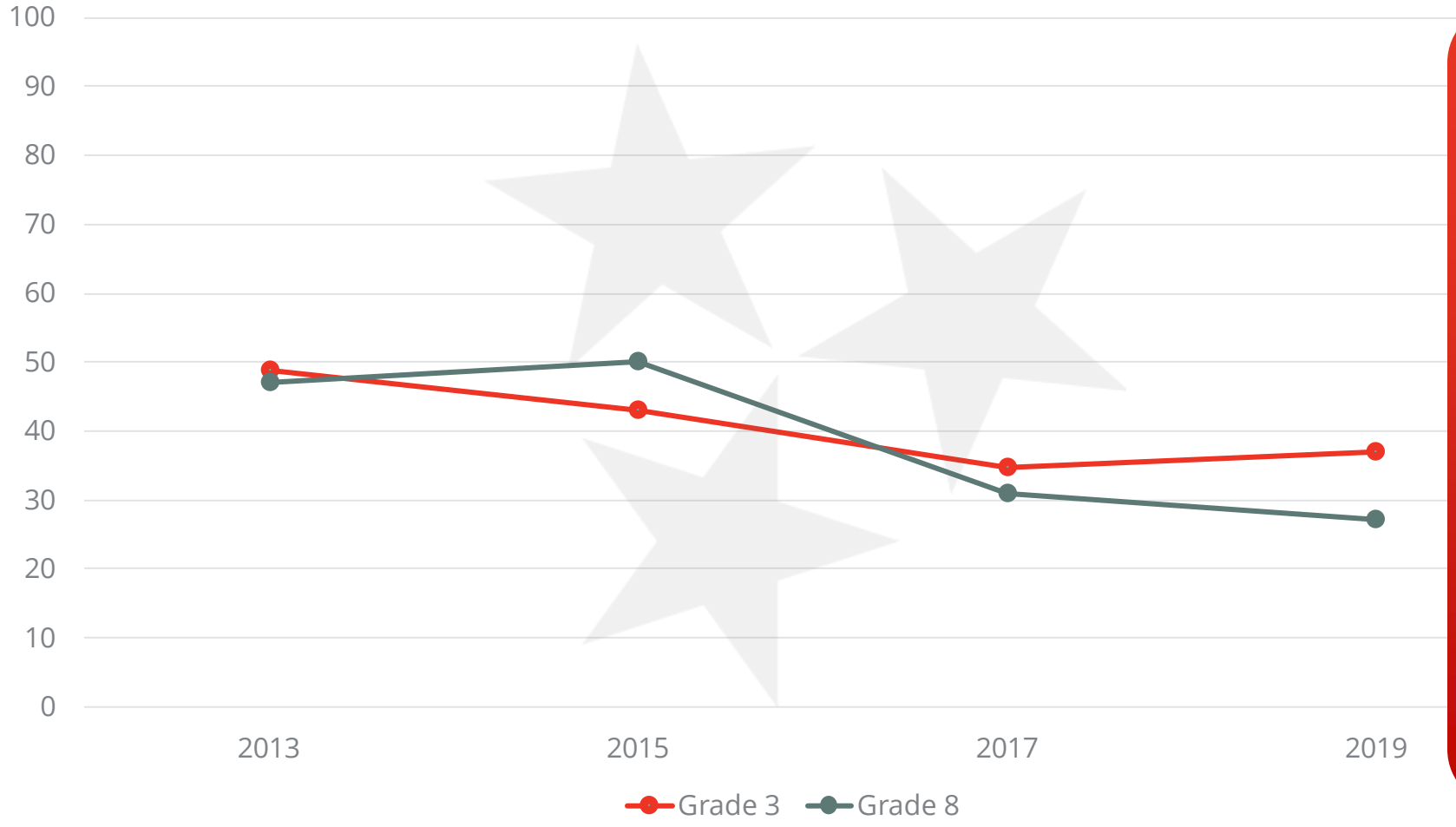
% Students At or Above Proficiency

Grades 3 & 8 English Language Arts (ELA) (TCAP)



KEY TAKEAWAY

Not hitting the...

3rd grade

LITERACY PROFICIENCY MILESTONE

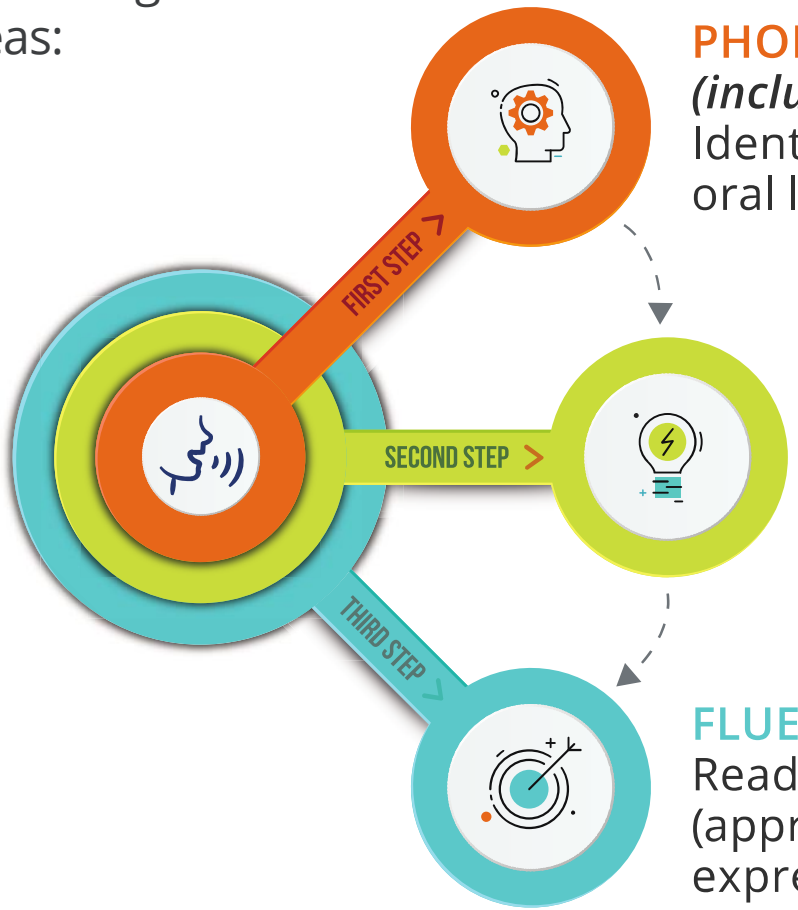
makes it

HARDER TO CATCH UP & SUCCEED

With a Focus on Phonics

Foundational skills lessons should demonstrate the following components and focus areas:

SOUNDS FIRST



PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

(including phonemic awareness)

Identifying and manipulating units of oral language such as words and syllables.

PHONICS & WORD RECOGNITION

Knowing and applying sound and spelling patterns and word analysis skills in order to recognize and decode words in print.

FLUENCY

Reading with sufficient accuracy, rate (appropriate to text and task), and expression to support comprehension.

Reading 360 Plan Components

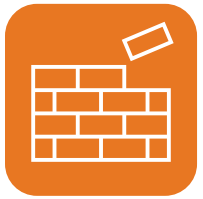
TRAINING & COACHING
Provide additional support for both teachers in classrooms and future teachers around literacy instruction

IMPLEMENTATION NETWORKS
Establish and fund regional district networks focused on literacy and high quality materials

ONLINE TOOL
Feature video-based lessons, teacher implementation supports, at-home family reading resources, and leader guidance documents

CONNECTED LITERACY
Provide 13,000+ students and their families with microgrants for early literacy tutoring

EPP & LPP INNOVATIONS
Support for educator and leader preparation providers in developing new courses and content



CORE SUPPORTS
Provide district leaders with support for implementation and establishment of systems across 8 CORE regions

ASSESSMENT OF LITERACY
Connect teachers, leaders, and parents to resources, tools, and data using early grade literacy screener and information system

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
Build and foster partnerships across the state to elevate awareness and promote broader engagement

Teachers

"Reading inspires us to dream."
— Dolly Parton

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Early Literacy Training & Coaching

2 weeks of opt-in training that develops knowledge & application of foundational skills for PK-4 educators:

WEEK 1

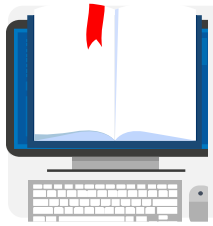
Online module housed inside Best for All Central website.

WEEK 2

Face-to-face training for educators, focusing on application and coaching.

Teachers will receive consumable classroom kits after completion of both weeks.

Educators will receive $1,000 stipend & a micro-credential eligible for PDPs for completing both weeks of content.



Flexible online delivery modules for future training and out-of-state educators.

Districts choosing to participate in the cohort networks will also have educators participating in this training and coaching.

Districts

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."
— Margaret Fuller

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Implementation Networks

FOUR MAJOR COMPONENTS

1. Regional opt-in implementation networks focusing on K-12 literacy implementation
2. Support tailored to district and school leaders
3. Regional implementation networks for high quality materials in grades Pre-K-12th
4. Early literacy cohort networks focused on foundational skills implementation for grades PK-2

- **Districts opt-in to knowledge building series,** but need to apply and be selected for…
  - Pre-K – 12th Regional Implementation Networks (47 districts)
  - Early Literacy Cohort Networks (100 districts)
- **Networks supported by approved partners** selected from an approved provider list.
- **Focused supports managed and delivered by Centers of Regional Excellence (CORE).**
- **Additional support** for turnaround schools and principal professional development.

CORE Supports

- **Engage in 1:1 partnerships** with districts to support their implementation of ELA High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM). Districts with ATSI and TSI schools will be prioritized for support.
- **Complement the implementation networks** by focusing on districts not participating in those networks.
- **Help district leaders establish systems and structures centrally** to support strong implementation and know how they need to refine to get better over time.

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Assessment of Literacy

Early Grade Literacy Screener

- Used multiple times/year
- Meets reading screening requirements for RTI and dyslexia

- ✓ Phonological awareness
- ✓ Sound-symbol correspondence
- ✓ Letter blending and decoding
- ✓ Reading fluency
- ✓ Developmental spelling and letter formation

Literacy Data System

- Track student progress throughout the year for quicker intervention
- Integrates with Online Literacy Tool and progress dashboards
- Connects teachers, leaders, and parents to resources, tools, and supports based on student need

Families

“Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks."
— Dr. Seuss

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At-Home Decodable Books

Order at: tn.gov/education/decodables

Community Partnerships

"Intelligence plus character.
That is the goal of true education."
— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Public Awareness Campaign

"Starting with Sounds," to ensure parents and students understand the importance of reading, and how to work on developing strong phonics-based literacy skills at home

COLLABORATIONS WITH **COMMUNITY**

- **Partnerships for strong research** to ensure all progress and improvement are captured, and that programmatic efforts can benefit from data-driven decisions and be targeted toward student need
- **Volunteer programs** to ensure Tennesseans who want to help our students have the opportunity, training, and resources they need to do so

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A *comprehensive* vision for Tennessee literacy

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For More Details and Stay Connected:

tn.gov/education/top-links/reading-360

Special Session

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State Policy Foundations

for COVID Recovery & Student Acceleration

In January, Tennessee convened an extraordinary special legislative session focused on education.

- **Tennessee Learning Loss and Student Acceleration Act**
- **Tennessee Literacy Success Act**
- **Accountability**
- **Teacher Pay**

Literacy: Building Better Readers with Phonics

Tennessee Literacy Success Act
SB 7003/HB 7002

- Ensures school districts and public charter schools use ***foundational literacy skills instruction, with a phonics-based approach,*** to develop students as strong readers

- Requires school districts and public charter schools to develop a ***Foundational Literacy Skills Plan*** to articulate the districts' locally-driven solutions to improve literacy outcomes for their students. Plans must be reported publicly. **Approved by TDOE on June 1, 2021**.

- Ensures ***state-provided or state-approved reading screeners can be used by districts to satisfy multiple requirements*** including dyslexia screening, RTI² screening, and as an approved alternative to portfolio assessments

- Requires ***educator preparation programs to provide training on foundational literacy skills***

- Requires K-3 teaching candidates to pass a ***reading instruction assessment***

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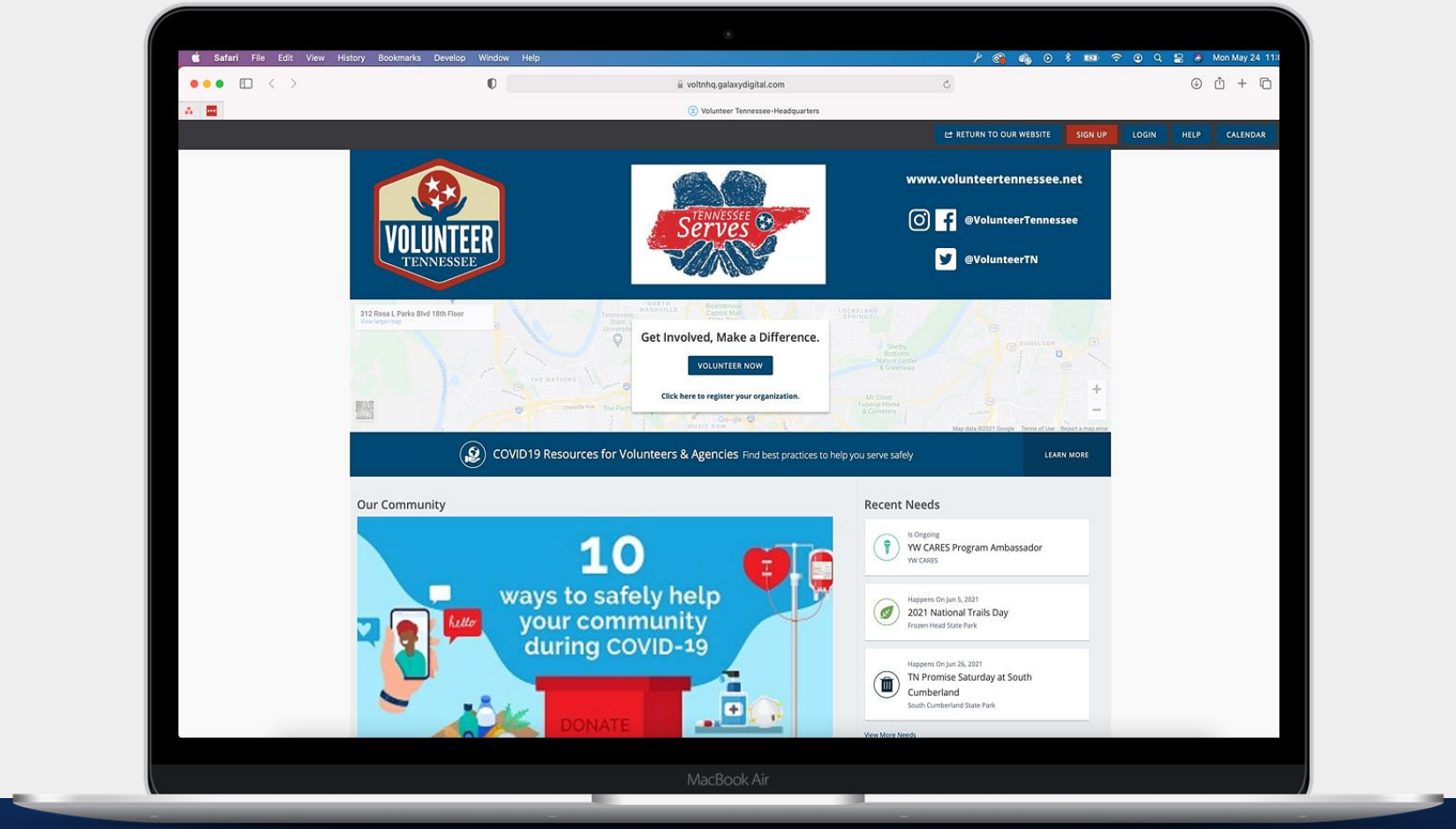
by serving one person at a time.

Get Connected with the
Tennessee Serves Network Volunteer Portal



Our Mission…

To encourage volunteerism and community service.

Programs & Events

- AmeriCorps State
- Youth Civic Engagement
- Tennessee Conference on Volunteerism and Service-Learning
- Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards
- Award of Excellence for Schools

volunteertennessee.net

What is The Tennessee Serves Network?

- A Statewide Collaboration

- The Tennessee Serves Network portal is the premier statewide online tool dedicated to connecting Tennessee's volunteers to opportunities and agencies in their communities.

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The Tennessee Serves Network

- **April 15, 2020** – Volunteer Tennessee begins partnerships with local volunteer centers to connect agencies to the statewide portal.
- **May 20, 2021** – The Office of the First Lady announces the public launch of the Tennessee Serves Network Portal.
- **Ongoing** – Volunteer Tennessee continues to recruit and provide support to portal partners, local agencies and volunteers.

Our Portal Partners

GREATER NASHVILLE REGIONAL COUNCIL

United Way

of Blount County
of Greater Chattanooga
of Greater Clarksville
of Greater Kingsport
of Roane County
of Rutherford and Cannon Counties

TENNESSEE State Parks

VOLUNTEER EAST TENNESSEE

VOLUNTEER MEMPHIS

Potential Volunteers

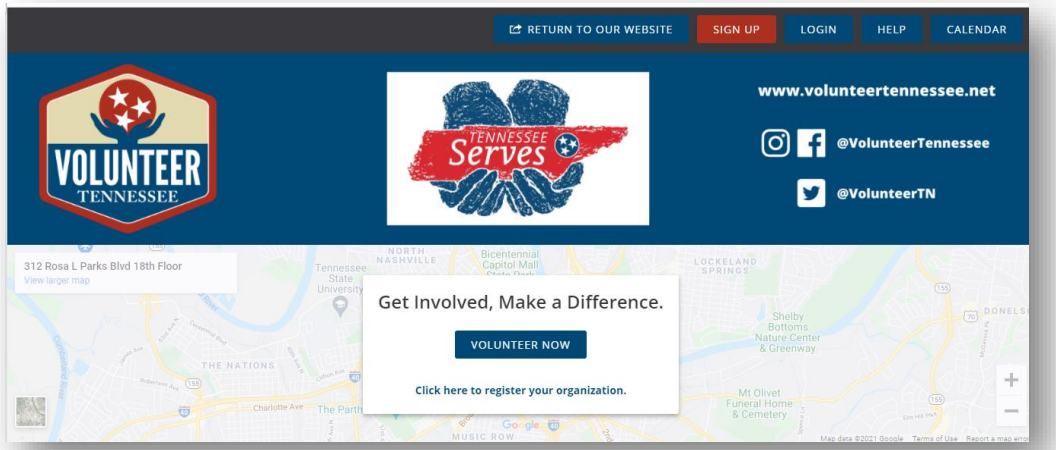
- Ability to search and find volunteer needs in their local communities.

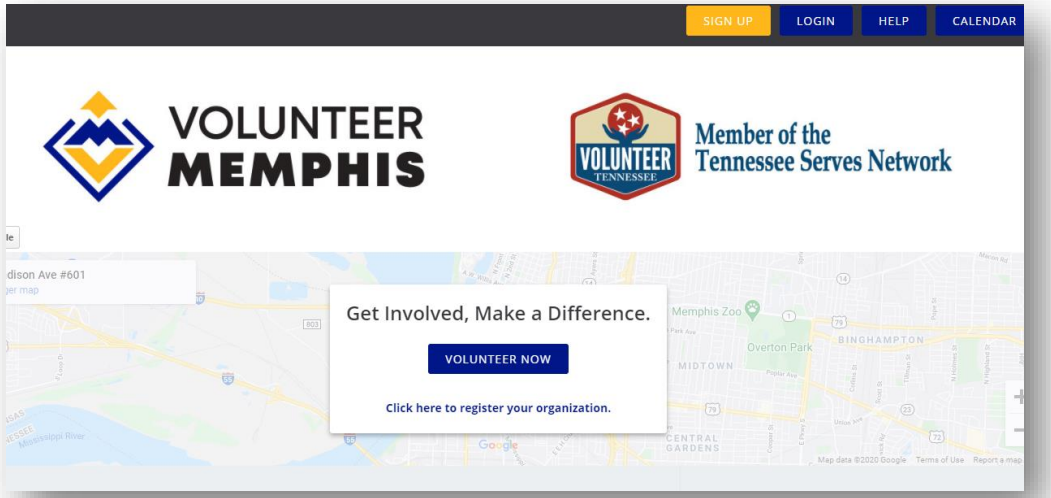
Community Agencies

- An additional local source of recruitment for organizations free of charge

Why Sign On To The Network?

- Free to Use
- Additional Source of Recruitment
- Communication for Volunteers
- Spotlight on events
- Reports
- Live and On Demand Support





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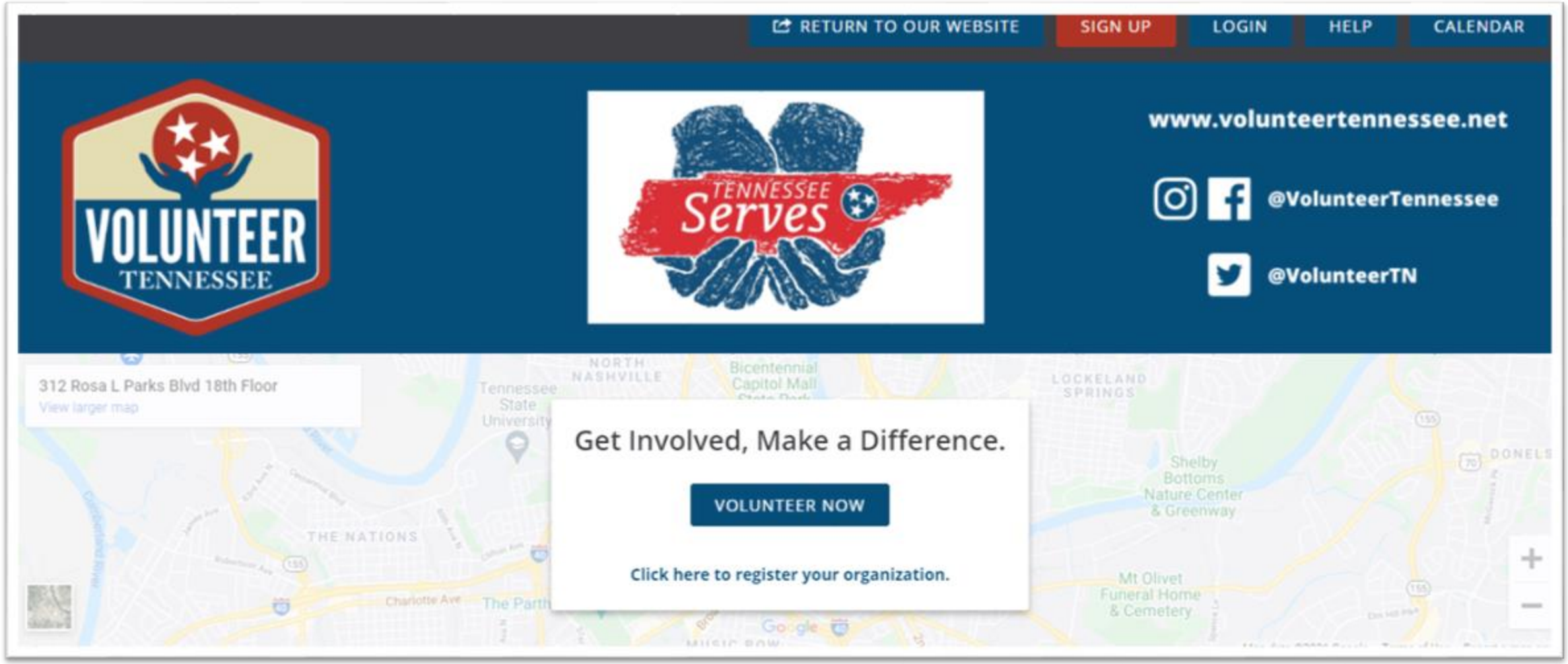
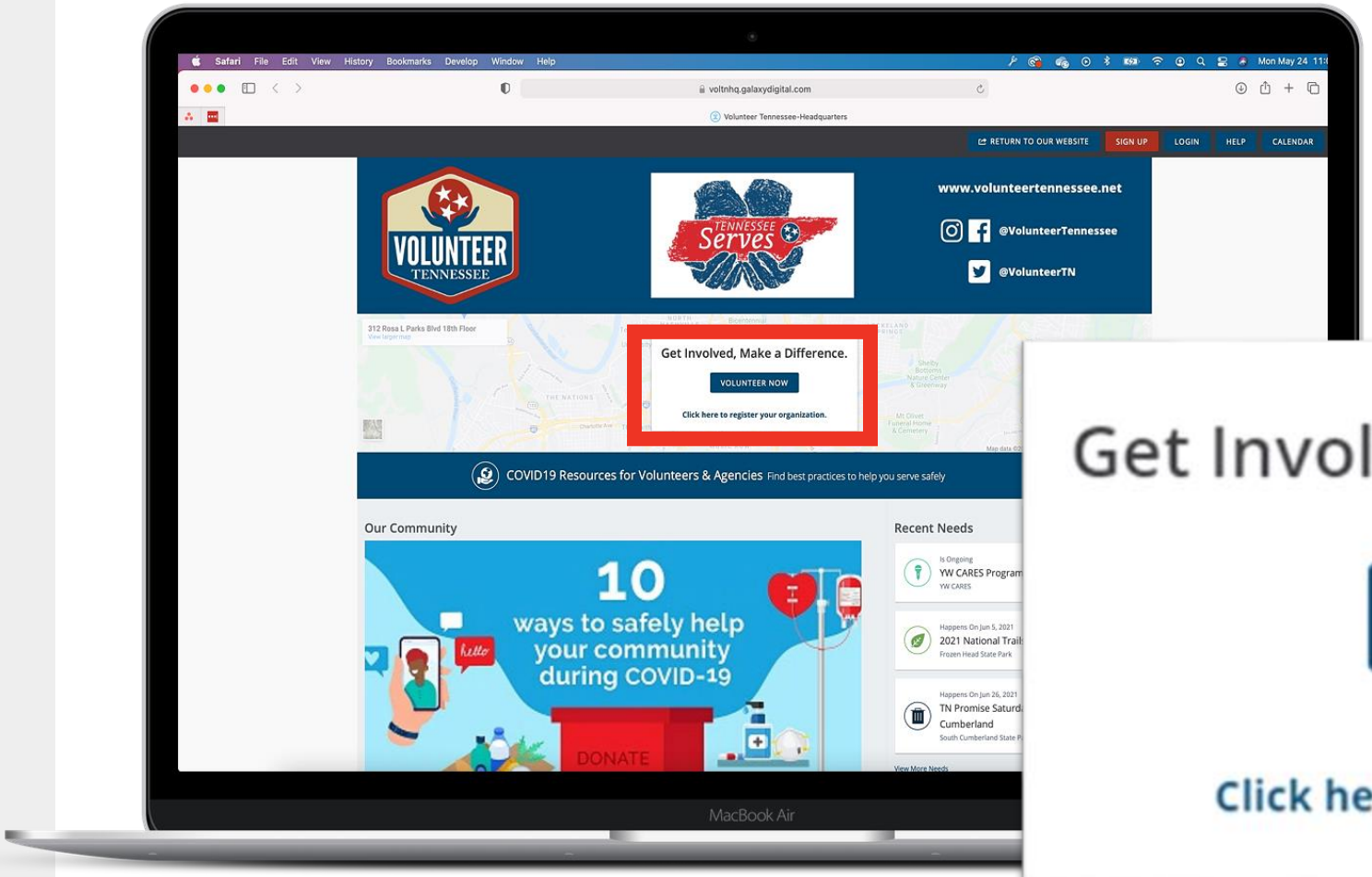


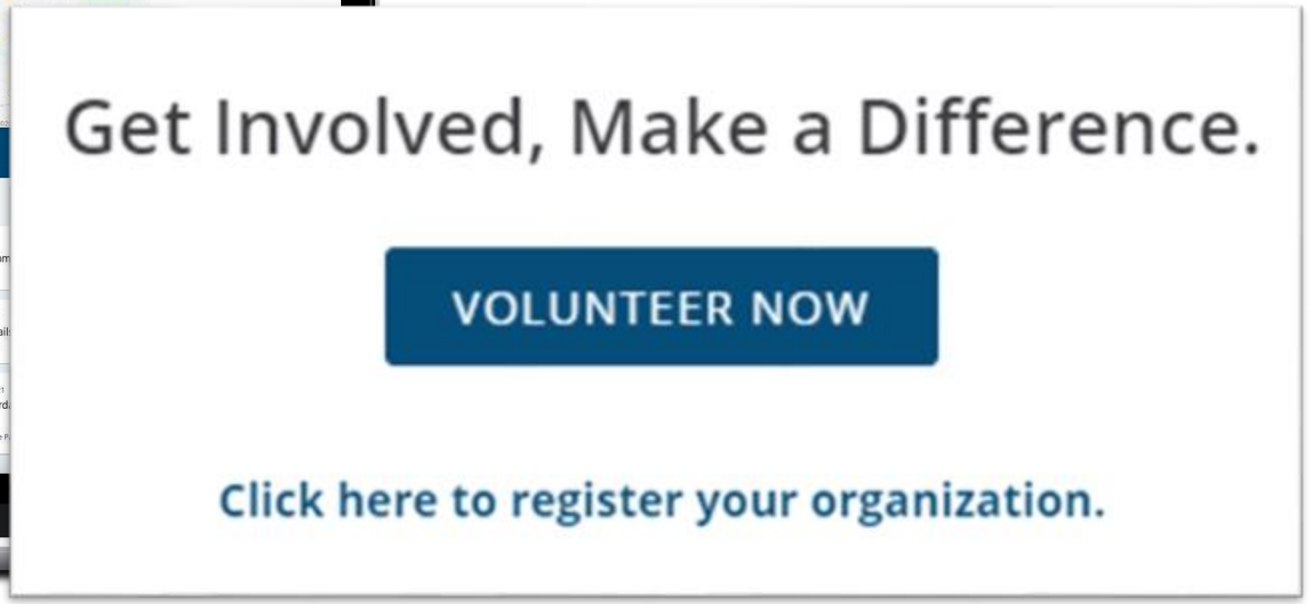
STEP 1

Go to www.volunteertennessee.net and select the “Volunteer Opportunities” banner.

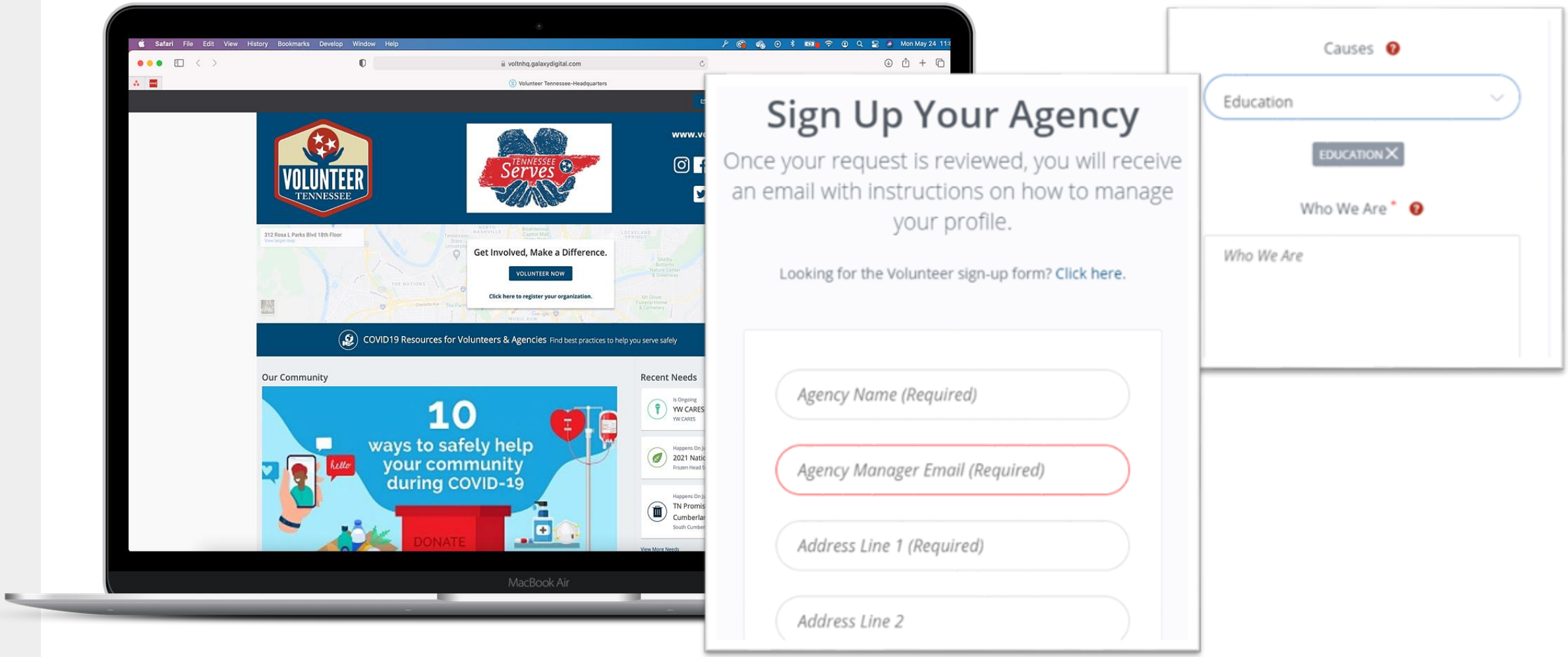
STEP 2

Once on the portal's homepage, select "Click here to register your organization".





STEP 3 Now, complete the agency profile.



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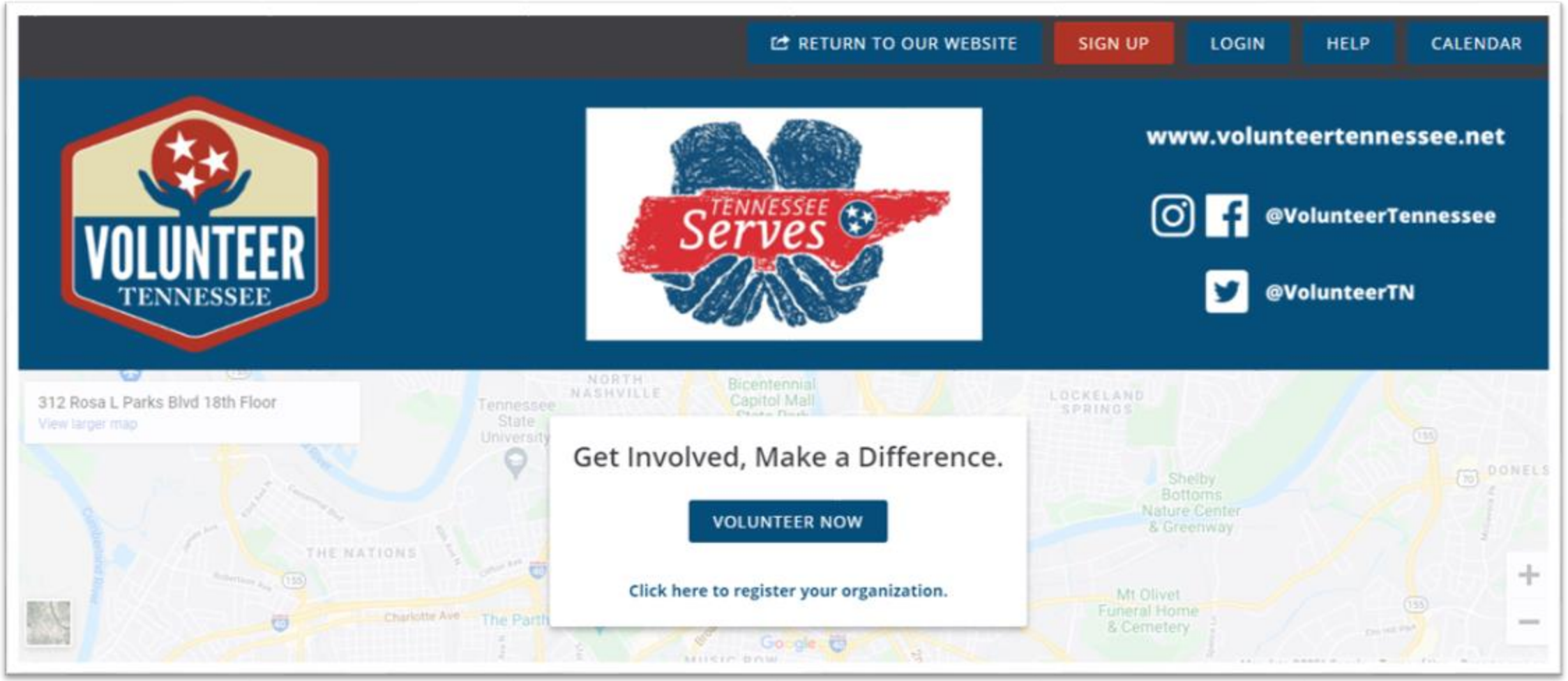


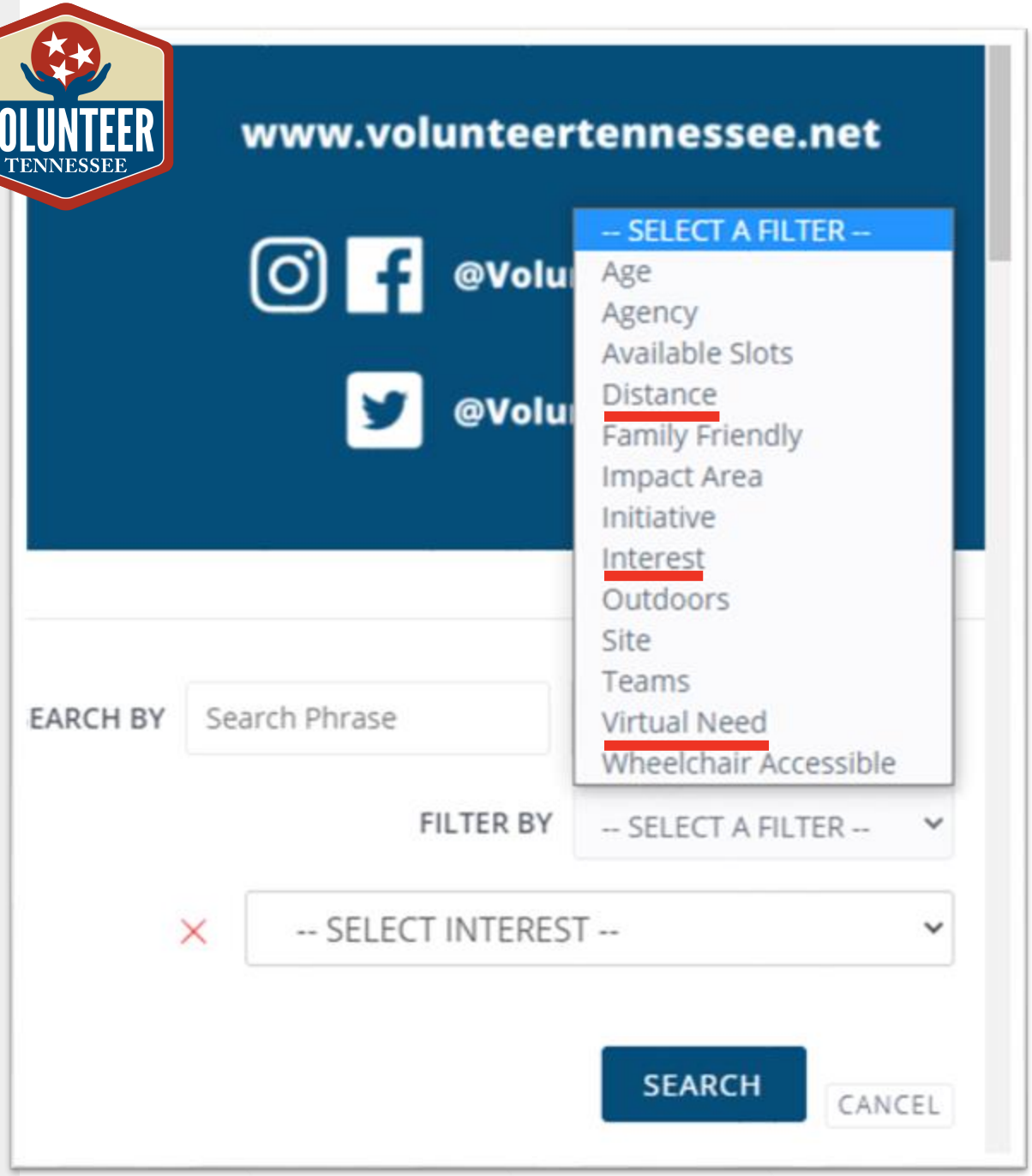
Benefits for Volunteers

Volunteer App

It's easy to track volunteer hours, check in to activities, and report volunteer impact with the Get Connected mobile volunteer app.

Get Connected offers a free mobile volunteer app, available for download from Apple and Android app stores. The volunteer tracking app utilizes the geolocation services on a volunteer's smartphone to remind them to check in and out of their volunteering activities. The app will automatically track volunteer hours, supporting more accurate impact reporting.

- Free to Use
- One Stop Shop
- Check –in
- Enter Hours
- Use the app



How does it work for volunteers?

We hope you are ready to Get Connected!

- To get started, go to volunteertennesse.net

- Please reach out for any additional questions.

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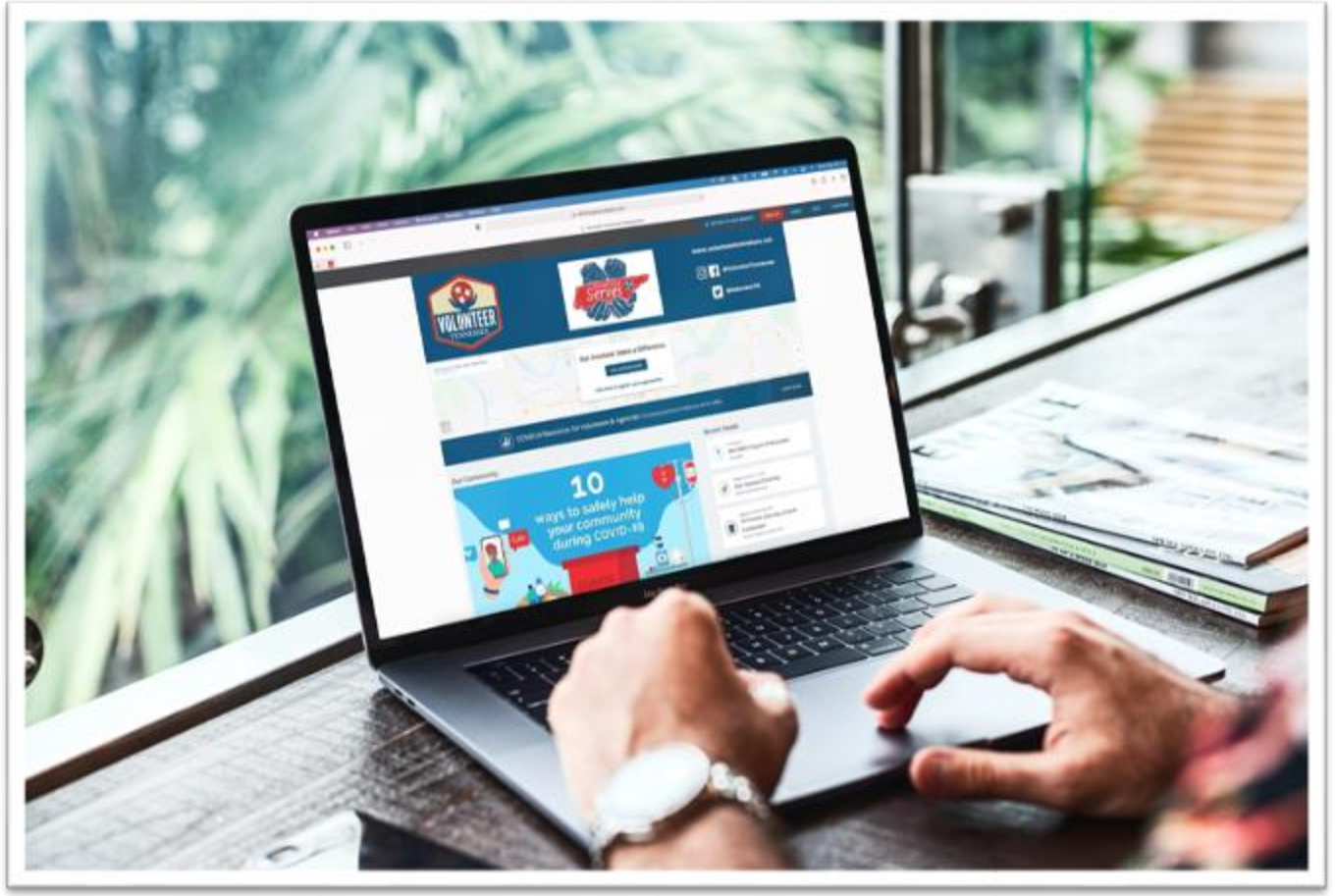

Next Steps

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Next Steps

- Register your nonprofit on the Tennessee Serves Network platform by the end of June
- News on the statewide approach to tutoring as part of the Tennessee Accelerated Literacy and Learning Corps (TN ALL Corps) and community reading volunteers as one option
- Share digital communication pieces and recommendations for recruiting community reading volunteers and the high-dosage tutoring opportunities

Questions?

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