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### **Preparations for AFA's CyberPatriot Middle School Cyber Education Program Underway**

LOS ANGELES, Ca. - Preparations for the Air Force Association's CyberPatriot Middle School Cyber Education Program, announced in April, are underway in California. Bernie Skoch, CyberPatriot Commissioner, and staff will visit the Los Angeles Unified School District on June 26, 2013 to kick off the lead pilot program.

As a part of LAUSD's Summer Cyber Program, CyberPatriot will present a one-day education module with activities, instructions, and a competition to LAUSD students in grades 6-8 at California Polytechnic University Pomona.

"As our very first Center of Excellence, Los Angeles Unified School District is the perfect environment for CyberPatriot to begin the rollout of our middle school curriculum," said Commissioner Skoch. "The support system for CyberPatriot and STEM education in LA has been superb, and we are happy to begin our program's expansion to middle schools here.

The CyberPatriot Middle School Program will expand to a larger pilot program in other CyberPatriot Centers of Excellence this fall with a full rollout to middle schools across the country in 2014. The CyberPatriot Middle School Program will instruct middle schoolers on how to stay safe online, will increase their interest in STEM education and careers, and will give them a taste of cyber competition.

CyberPatriot is the premiere national high school cyber defense competition created by the [Air Force Association](#) to inspire high school students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future. Its presenting sponsor is the Northrop Grumman Foundation. For more information please visit [www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org) or contact [info@uscyberpatriot.org](mailto:info@uscyberpatriot.org).

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