

# 2012 Administrators' Days

## Miles to Go and Promises to Keep: Preparing Students Who Are College and Career-Ready

EXIT 31A



EXIT 3

High School  
Graduation

College Career

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**NDE DAY JULY 25, 2012**  
**Younes Conference Center, Kearney, Nebraska**

## ON-SITE SERVICES

### NDE School Finance and Organizational Services

Staff will be available to assist with school district budgets and answer budgeting questions.

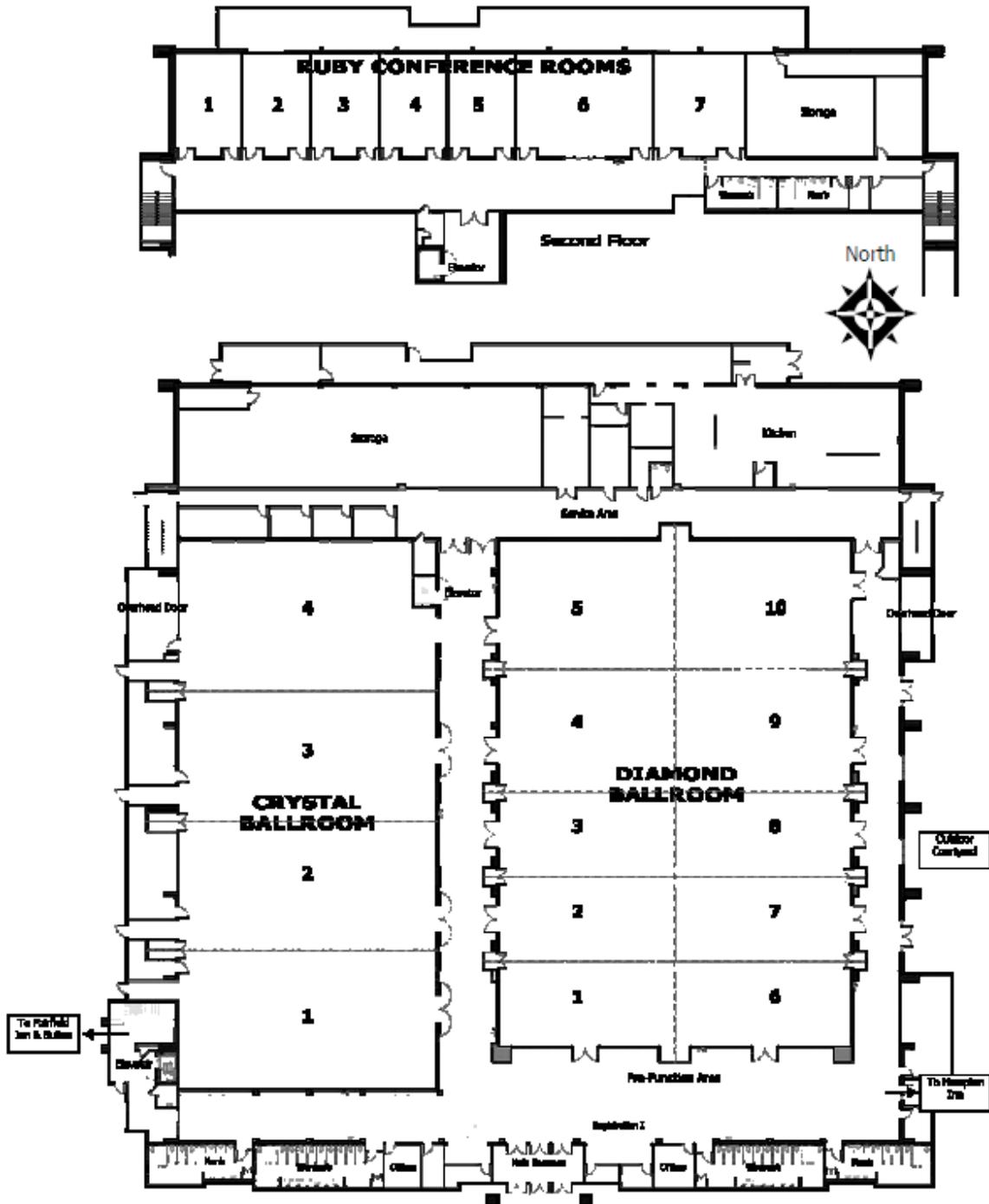
Room: Ruby 5 (Located on the second floor of the Younes Conference Center)

Wednesday: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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July 25, 2012

## Welcome to Administrators' Days!

Welcome to the 2012 Administrators' Days! We hope your summer break and family time were enjoyable and refreshing. If you are attending Administrators' Days for the first time or for the thirtieth time, we are confident you will find something here to drive your enthusiasm for the new school year.

You are all key participants in the development of Nebraska's most valuable resource – an educated and motivated citizenry. The Nebraska Department of Education recognizes how fortunate the children of Nebraska are to have administrators and teachers who are dedicated to their success.

Our conference, *Miles to Go and Promises to Keep: Preparing Students who are College and Career-Ready*, highlights the challenges teachers and administrators tackle in moving each student toward the successful completion of their K-12 education. NDE staff members have prepared a full continuum of sessions that are informative and productive from early education experiences through dual enrollment career academies. Also included are sessions on standards and NeSA, accountability and NePAS, educator effectiveness and evaluation, state and federal legislation, as well as tips on resource allocation and funding. The sessions you attend will hopefully assist you in preparing for the coming school year and engage you in consideration of changes for improved student outcomes.

Thank you for all you do for Nebraska students and thank you for joining us in Kearney for the 2012 Administrators' Days.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roger D. Breed". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Roger D. Breed, Ed.D.

Commissioner of Education

# NDE PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

## 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

## 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. OPENING SESSION Diamonds 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10

Welcome - Jim Scheer, President, State Board of Education

Keynote – Miles to Go and Promises to Keep: Preparing Students Who Are College and Career-Ready

Roger D. Breed, Commissioner of Education

## 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS I

	<p><i>(Repeat in Session II)</i> What Can Districts Expect from Assessment and Accountability in 2012-2013? <span style="float: right;">Crystal 1</span></p> <p>Moving Forward with Data Quality and Graduation Cohorts <span style="float: right;">Diamond 1</span></p> <p>Creating a Program Evaluation Framework <span style="float: right;">Diamond 2</span></p> <p>Keeping the Promises of Special Education <span style="float: right;">Diamond 3</span></p>
<p><i>(Repeat in Session II)</i></p>	<p>Teacher &amp; Principal Evaluation – Models for Local School Districts <span style="float: right;">Diamonds 4 &amp; 9</span></p> <p>AdvancED’s ASSIST: A Tool for Managing Continuous Improvement <span style="float: right;">Diamonds 5 &amp; 10</span></p>
	<p>Creating School Climate Conducive to Keeping College and Career-Ready Promises <span style="float: right;">Diamond 6</span></p> <p><i>(Repeat in Session III)</i> State of Technology: Current and Future <span style="float: right;">Diamond 7</span></p> <p>Data Collections <span style="float: right;">Diamond 8</span></p> <p>How Administrators Can Support Differentiation <span style="float: right;">Ruby 4</span></p> <p>Navigating the Paths to Health - Promoting Schools <span style="float: right;">Ruby 6</span></p> <p>The Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) in Nebraska <span style="float: right;">Ruby 7</span></p>

## 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

## 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS II

<p><i>(Repeat from Session I)</i></p>	<p>What Can Districts Expect from Assessment and Accountability in 2012-2013? <span style="float: right;">Crystal 1</span></p> <p>CIP Toolkit: A Tool for Leaders of Continuous Improvement Plans <span style="float: right;">Diamond 1</span></p> <p>School Finance Update <span style="float: right;">Diamond 2</span></p> <p>Enhance Student Learning Through a Quality Afterschool Program <span style="float: right;">Diamond 3</span></p>
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## NDE PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

### 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS III

<i>(Repeat in Session IV)</i>	Rule 10 Update: Issues and Input	Crystal 1
	2012 State and Federal Legislation	Diamond 1
	Title I Updates for 2012-2013	Diamond 2
	Using Data to Improve Student Outcomes	Diamond 3
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	Data Visualization	Diamond 8
	Parents as Partners - Improving Student Learning through Family Engagement	Ruby 4
	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) History, Updates and Current Design Standards	Ruby 6
	Academic and Career Planning for College and Career Readiness	Ruby 7

### 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS IV

 <i>(Repeat from Session III)</i>	Rule 10 Update: Issues and Input	Crystal 1
	Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant	Diamond 1
	Grants Management System (GMS) 101 for New Administrators	Diamond 2
	Autism Center of Nebraska (ACN) <i>Connections</i> : Matching the Right People to the Right Job	Diamond 3
<i>(Repeat from Session III)</i>	What School Administrators Need To Know: Changes to the School Lunch Program	Diamonds 4 & 9
	Career Academies and Career Education – Helping Students be College and Career-Ready	Diamonds 5 & 10
	Pupil Transportation Update	Diamond 6
	Questions and Answers from Nebraska Administrators regarding the Implementation of RtI	Diamond 7
	Implementing Rule 15 for English Language Learners	Diamond 8
	What Do 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills and STEAM Have in Common?	Ruby 4
	From Juvenile Correctional Facility to High School – Making the Transition Work	Ruby 6
	Educating Students in Homeless Situations: What the Law Does and Does Not Require	Ruby 7



## Eyes on Nebraska Schools

### Promote your good news!

The Nebraska Department of Education wants to help you promote your schools, your students and your education events and initiatives. Help us get the good news out about our Nebraska schools. Tell us your good news and provide photos and videos about your schools and students to post on Eyes on Nebraska Schools at <http://www.education.ne.gov/>

To promote your good news, contact Betty VanDeventer at: [betty.vandeventer@nebraska.gov](mailto:betty.vandeventer@nebraska.gov) or (402) 471-4537.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS I 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### What Can Districts Expect from Assessment and Accountability in 2012-2013?

Crystal 1

*(Repeat in Session II)*

Presented by: Valorie Foy and Jeremy Heneger, NDE

This session will outline the “new” events with NeSA, Check for Learning (C4L), and (NePAS) in the upcoming year. Participants will have a chance to ask questions.

### Moving Forward with Data Quality and Graduation Cohorts

Diamond 1

Presented by: Eva Shepherd and Ben Baumfalk, NDE

Nebraska has employed a number of approaches to ensure data quality for Graduation Cohort data. The cohort process uses enrollment codes to determine if a student belongs to a school’s cohort. Districts can analyze their data using validation and verification tools. These tools allow districts to look at multiple cohorts. This information aids them in forecasting and taking proactive action. It includes longitudinal evaluation of students with multiple student IDs. This session will provide an overview of the Graduation Cohort system design and the tools and training that allow districts to collaborate and analyze their cohort data.

### Creating a Program Evaluation Framework

Diamond 2

Presented by: Russ Masco and Matt Heusman, NDE

This presentation focuses on the need for and merits of formal program evaluation. There will be discussion of the different phases in evaluation as well as the various types of evaluation. The technical aspects of setting up an experimental design will be covered as well as the reasons for creating a formal experiment. Mention will be made of some alternatives to a formal experiment. There will be discussion of basic research vocabulary as well as ways to maintain validity and reliability in research designs.

### Keeping the Promises of Special Education

Diamond 3

Presented by: Carol McClain, Beth Wierda, Lindy Foley and Joan Luebbers, NDE

New Federal Part C IDEA Regulations make it clear that the early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities is not necessarily the same as a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) under Part B of IDEA. This session will delineate the differences between Part C early intervention and Part B school-age programs for children with disabilities and provide an overview of revisions being proposed for Rule 51 and the recently drafted Rule 52 proposal addressing Part C services.

### Teacher & Principal Evaluation – Models for Local School Districts

Diamonds 4 and 9

*(Repeat in Session II)*

Presented by: Donlynn Rice, NDE and Jim Havelka, Havelka Educational Services, LLC

The State Board of Education adopted the Teacher and Principal Performance Framework in November 2011. NDE is currently developing models, based on the Framework, for evaluating teachers and principals that districts can choose to adopt or adapt. This presentation will provide an overview of the models and timeline for their completion.

### AdvancED’S ASSIST: A Tool for Managing Continuous Improvement

Diamonds 5 & 10

Presented by: Freida Lange, Don Loseke and Dennis McGuire, NDE

Beginning in 2012-2013, all AdvancED schools will use a new organizational tool called Adaptive System of School Improvement Tools (ASSIST). ASSIST helps school improvement move rapidly into the digital age so that schools and districts can better organize, understand and use data in ways that can transform education. ASSIST is focused on accelerating student performance and building organizational capacity. Join us in exploring how ASSIST allows schools and districts to gain a better understanding of past successes and future opportunities, and confidently build and implement a solid, research-based plan for the future.

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### **Creating School Climate Conducive to Keeping College and Career-Ready Promises** **Diamond 6**

Presented by: Mary Ann Losh and Jolene Palmer, NDE; Sally Carlson, Don Gronemeyer and Dennis Moore, NDE  
Equity and Instructional Strategies Consultants

School climate sets the tone for creating a learning environment conducive to student success and keeping promises of preparing students to be college and career-ready. Research indicates Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) can help schools to create a climate that is positive, productive, and progressive while reducing challenging behaviors and bullying situations. PBIS is a systemic approach developed systematically and is customized to each school's needs addressing social and emotional behavior. This session will overview the implementation process and support provided by NDE to create a school climate to keep promises.

### **State of Technology: Current and Future** **Diamond 7**

*(Repeat in Session III)*

Presented by: Brent Gaswick and SuAnn Witt, NDE

Education Technology staff will be updating you on current statewide technology issues and new initiatives. This session will inform you of Distance Education program status, Rule 89, CIPA, the Nebraska eBooks Initiative, technology planning tool and current policy updates. Participants are encouraged to bring their questions and concerns.

### **Data Collections** **Diamond 8**

Presented by: Sameano Porchea and Jill Aurand, NDE

Topics discussed in this session will include deadlines, review windows, reportable data, collection windows and data dictionary.

### **How Administrators Can Support Differentiation** **Ruby 4**

Presented by: Mary Duffy, NDE

This session will discuss principles of a differentiated classroom as well as what things an administrator can observe when he/she performs a classroom observation. Important issues such as grading, testing, resources, scheduling and professional development will be discussed.

### **Navigating the Paths to Health - Promoting Schools** **Ruby 6**

Presented by: Julane Hill, NDE and Matt Irish, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, North Platte Public Schools

Coordinated School Health is not another program to be included within an already crowded school framework. Rather, it is a systemic, school-based process that strengthens and coordinates already existing internal and external supports for creating healthy schools and communities. Come hear from one of your colleagues who "navigated" the Coordinated School Health process to enhance the health of their students, staff and communities.

### **The Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) in Nebraska** **Ruby 7**

Presented by: Roger Reikofski, NDE

This presentation will share information on the two programs in Nebraska provided through REAP funds. The Small Rural School Achievement (SRSA) Program and the Rural Low-Income Schools (RLIS) Program. The focus of this session will be on how the programs operate and how districts can use and access funds from these programs.

If someone you know fits this description, we want to know about them. Applications are due August 10, 2012.



Download the application: <http://www.education.ne.gov/toy/Index.html>

For more information, contact: Lora Sypal at [lora.sypal@nebraska.gov](mailto:lora.sypal@nebraska.gov) or (402) 471-5059

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### CIP Toolkit: A Tool for Leaders of Continuous Improvement Plans

Diamond 1

Presented by: Freida Lange and Don Loseke, NDE

Rule 10 requires every accredited school system in Nebraska to be involved in a Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) focused on the improvement of student learning. This session offers an overview of the updated CIP Toolkit which provides resources, procedures, and templates to support the development and implementation of Continuous Improvement Plans.

### School Finance Update

Diamond 2

Presented by: Russ Inbody and Bryce Wilson, NDE

Provide updated information on State Aid, budgeting and other school finance issues.

### Enhance Student Learning through a Quality Afterschool Program

Diamond 3

Presented by: Kim Larson, NDE; Dr. Carol Renner, Associate Superintendent and Michelle Arehart, Program Director, KCLC, Kearney Public Schools; Jessica Schlegelmilch, Associate Director, KCLC/Site Coordinator, Horizon Middle School Afterschool Program; Mark Johnson, Principal and Valerie Nigro, Site Coordinator, KCLC, Bryant Elementary School

Does participation in an afterschool program make a difference? Ten years of research confirms it does. Attend this session to learn the value of afterschool time for increasing student learning, increasing family engagement, and building community partnerships. Explore key principles for designing or improving your afterschool program to achieve positive results for your students.

### Teacher & Principal Evaluation – Models for Local School Districts

Diamonds 4 and 9

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### Data Collection to Identify Professional Development Priorities

Diamonds 5 and 10

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This session will focus on the organization of data within school districts. The data collected is used in cooperation with the local district and the ESU to identify professional development priorities. There will be discussion of a pilot undertaken by several districts, ESU 10 and NDE in joint data work. The specific topics will range from the logistics of sharing data to the final outcome of identifying the necessary professional development plan. Participants will learn the process and benefits of cooperative data work between the ESU, NDE and local districts. Presenters from those entities will lead the presentation.



While you are here learning about the latest initiatives and offerings, your office professionals are back at the office working hard to help keep the district moving. Here is an opportunity for them to network with educational office professionals and build their capacity to help you and your district succeed. NDE BRIDGE: <http://go.unl.edu/do3> and NEOPA: <http://neopa.unl.edu/>



## CONCURRENT SESSIONS II 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

### Hot Topics in Early Childhood: News You Can Use

Diamond 6

Presented by: Melody Hobson, Linda Meyers, Diane Kvasnicka, Mary Beth Pistillo, Eleanor Kirkland and Jan Thelen, NDE

This session will answer the most frequently asked questions from administrators that have been posed throughout the year. Some of the topics to be included are early childhood regulations, kindergarten, data reporting requirements and program and child assessments. Staff from the Office of Early Childhood will also answer questions from audience participants.

### Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) 101

Diamond 7

Presented by: Diane Stuehmer and Randy McIntyre, NDE

What goes into calculating Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)? What happens if a school or district does not meet AYP goals for two or more years? What do the calculations mean for Title I and non-Title I schools? How are Persistently Lowest Achieving Schools (PLAS) determined? Who is eligible to apply for School Improvement Grants? Attend this session for answers to these questions.

### Improving Achievement of Diverse Students

Diamond 8

Presented by: Carol Rempp, NDE and Kim Malenoski, State Liaison, North Central Comprehensive Center at McREL

This session will provide you with resources for analyzing the data associated with your diverse students in order to set a goal that identifies these students and their needs as a part of your school improvement plan. An updated handbook focused on Equity and Diversity Goal setting will be shared.

### The Gift of Laughter: Medicine for Your Mental and Physical Health

Ruby 4

Presented by: Mary Duffy, NDE

The responsibilities of educational administrators are many and can take a toll on an administrator's mental and physical health. Research has proven that laughter can help you cope better with pain, help your immune system and reduce stress. This presentation will discuss some strategies to help you and your staff to survive and thrive with the pressures that are encountered in an educational environment.

### Nebraska Career Education: A Dropout Prevention Strategy

Ruby 6

Presented by: Matt Hastings, NDE

This presentation reviews Nebraska student data indicating the value of Career and Technical Education as a dropout prevention strategy for schools.

### NSSRS 101 for Superintendents and District Administrators

Ruby 7

Presented by: Rachael LaBounty and Russ Masco, NDE

An introduction to acquaint the superintendent and/or district administrator with specific job responsibilities tied to the management and leadership requirements of NSSRS within a quality data culture. Overview of training opportunities available to you and your staff; specific duties such as password management and security, as well as verification and data approval are addressed.

#### Nebraska Loves Public Schools

(NElovesPS) is a program designed to spread the word about the amazing programs, partnerships and educators at public schools across the state. When it comes to education we know that there's always room for improvement, but we also know that Nebraska's public schools have a pretty compelling story to tell. That's why we're working hard to share the stories of what's right about our public schools.

Visit [www.NElovesPS.org](http://www.NElovesPS.org) to learn more and get involved!



## CONCURRENT SESSIONS III 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

### **Rule 10 Update: Issues and Input**

**Crystal 1**

*(Repeat in Session IV)*

Presented by: Freida Lange, Dennis McGuire and Rick Moses, NDE

All public school districts in Nebraska are required by law to be accredited. This session is designed for those who want a quick refresher of Rule 10 regulations that govern a school's accreditation status, including state graduation requirements, middle grade athletics, and certificated employee evaluation. You will also have an opportunity to share your ideas regarding future Rule 10 needs and hear about the current status of the Rule as well as potential revisions.

### **2012 State and Federal Legislation**

**Diamond 1**

Presented by: Brian Halstead, NDE

This presentation will cover State and Federal Legislation enacted in 2012 including issues related to school attendance and excessive absenteeism.

### **Title I Updates for 2012-2013**

**Diamond 2**

Presented by: Diane Stuehmer and Beth Zillig, NDE

This presentation will cover changes to NDE reporting for the 2012-2013 school year, including changes that affect Title I Comparability, Title I Schoolwide plans, and NSSRS Staff Reporting.

### **Using Data to Improve Student Outcomes**

**Diamond 3**

Presented by: Freida Lange, NDE; Chris Good, Tech. Trainer, Amy Hill and Rhonda Jindra, Staff Development, ESU 1

We are surrounded by data. What do we do with it? NDE, ESU 1 and partners from three districts, will share the results of their recent collaboration with the North Central Comprehensive Center at McREL that focused on using data in schools. This collaboration evolved into a guidebook: "Using Data to Make Decisions for School Improvement." This session will focus on this guidebook as well as implementation processes. Attendees will leave the session with practical strategies for data analysis and decision-making, focused on improving student learning.

### **What School Administrators Need To Know: Changes to the School Lunch Program** **Diamonds 4 and 9**

*(Repeat in Session IV) (This session will cover information pertaining to a new Rule)*

Presented by: Bev Benes, NDE

With the passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-296), many changes will impact the school lunch and breakfast programs. Starting in school year 2012-2013, schools participating in the USDA's School Meal Programs are required to meet new nutrition standards for breakfast and lunch meal patterns. Come to this session to learn more about the new meal pattern, the Paid Lunch Equity requirement, the additional 6 cents reimbursement plus other changes.

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**Diamonds 5 and 10**

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### Social Studies Standards Update

Diamond 6

Presented by: Donlynn Rice, NDE

This session will provide an overview of the Social Studies Standards revision process including the development of the standards and a timeline for their completion. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions as well as offer comments on the draft standards.

### State of Technology: Current and Future

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Education Technology staff will be updating you on current state wide technology issues and new initiatives. This session will inform you of Distance Education program status, Rule 89, CIPA, the Nebraska eBooks Initiative, technology planning tool and current policy updates. Participants are encouraged to bring their questions and concerns.

### Data Visualization

Diamond 8

Presented by: Ben Baumfalk and Matt Heusman, NDE

Whether it's parents, school board members, teachers or students, communicating information in a way that is easy to understand and promotes inquiry is an essential component of the learning process. Technology has expanded not only the reach, but also the methods in which data can be presented. This session will explore a variety of ways to use visualization tools to help communicate ideas and convey meaning to a variety of audiences.

### Parents as Partners - Improving Student Learning through Family Engagement

Ruby 4

Presented by: Mary Ann Losh and Karen Stevens, NDE; Lynn Wallasky, Title I Coordinator, Lincoln Public Schools and Joanne Garrison, Coordinator, Grand Island Welcome Center, Grand Island Public Schools

Research shows that family engagement promotes student success. Come hear from two school district representatives about how they're promoting family engagement in innovative ways. They'll share some practical, useful suggestions on how to engage parents in their child's learning as well as some of the challenges faced. If you're also interested in some state and federal resources and networks of expertise available to districts, this session should be helpful.

### Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) History, Updates and Current Design Standards

Ruby 6

Presented by: Pete Biaggio, NDE and Lilly Blase, NDE Assistive Technology Partnership

This session will provide a refresher/overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including its history, implementation of Section 504 in the schools, 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, and Section 508 Electronic and Information Technology. Reference links will be provided for attendees.

### Academic and Career Planning for College and Career Readiness

Ruby 7

Presented by: Donna Hoffman, NDE and Mary-Beth Muskin, Director of Guidance, South High School, Omaha Public Schools

College and career readiness for all students doesn't just "happen." This session will present essential elements of effective guidance and counseling programs including student Personal Learning Plans, to accomplish college and career goals. Materials, resources and implementation strategies will be offered and discussed.

#### Presentation Handouts

This year we have digitized all the session handouts. You can download the handouts for the session you are interested in by going to:

[http://www.education.ne.gov/COMMISH/Administrators\\_Days\\_NDE\\_Day.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/COMMISH/Administrators_Days_NDE_Day.html)

On this page you will find the handouts organized under the room the session is located in.



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### **Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant**

**Diamond 1**

Presented by: Sameano Porchea and Jill Aurand, NDE

Nebraska has recently been awarded a Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant from the U.S. Department of Education, and has begun implementing the goals set forth in the proposal. Come learn about the new data tools and professional development training that will be made available to school districts, the efforts underway at NDE to build a research and evaluation operation and other projects that will be a result of this Grant.

### **Grants Management System (GMS) 101 for New Administrators**

**Diamond 2**

*(This session is for superintendents, new special education directors and business managers)*

Presented by: Kiley Taylor and Cathy Von Kaenel, NDE

This introductory session provides a basic understanding of the Grants Management System (GMS) and is specifically designed for superintendents, new special education directors and business managers. Attendees will learn key terminology and the initial activities of new GMS users, with an emphasis on sharing the proper NDE Portal activation codes with district staff.

### **Autism Center of Nebraska (ACN) Connections: Matching the Right People To the Right Job**

**Diamond 3**

Presented by: Keri Bennett and Ryan Stamm, NDE Vocational Rehabilitation; Susanna Johnston, Coordinator of ACN *Connections* and Claudia Schulte, Coordinator of ACN *Connections*, Autism Center of Nebraska

This session will focus on Vocational Rehabilitation's partnership with Autism Center of Nebraska (ACN) *Connections*, a service for individuals with Autism/Asperger's Syndrome seeking competitive employment through the Autism Center of Nebraska. Presenters will describe how job seekers are matched to a desired job using a Career Planning Process and how they are supported once they are employed. This session will also identify the critical connections needed for successful transition into the world of work and will identify areas to be used in effective networking.

### **What School Administrators Need To Know: Changes to the School Lunch Program**

**Diamonds 4 and 9**

*(Repeat from Session III) (This session will cover information pertaining to a new Rule)*

Presented by: Bev Benes, NDE

With the passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-296), many changes will impact the school lunch and breakfast programs. Starting in school year 2012-2013, schools participating in the USDA's School Meal Programs are required to meet new nutrition standards for breakfast and lunch meal patterns. Come to this session to learn more about the new meal pattern, the Paid Lunch Equity requirement, the additional 6 cents reimbursement plus other changes.

### **Career Academies and Career Education - Helping Students be College and Career-Ready**

**Diamonds 5 and 10**

Presented by: Rich Katt and Cory Epler, NDE

LB 870 has charged NDE with creating the definition and operating procedures for career academies in Nebraska schools. Presenters will provide an update and seek input on proposed definitions and operating procedures. The new career technical education evaluation process revision will be discussed along with other career education initiatives.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS IV 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **Pupil Transportation Update**

**Diamond 6**

Presented by: Russ Inbody and Janice Eret, NDE

This session will provide an update on the new provisions of proposed NDE Transportation Rules 91 and 92. The majority of this session will be addressing safety issues and regulations that school districts need to focus on prior to and throughout the next school year.

### **Questions and Answers from Nebraska Administrators regarding the Implementation of RtI** **Diamond 7**

Presented by: Rose Dymacek, NDE; Tammy Carlson, Principal, Fullerton Public Schools; Kristi Gibbs, Assistant Superintendent, Ralston Public Schools; Peggy Romshek, Special Services Director, Mitchell Public Schools; Mark Standage, Principal, Aurora Public Schools and Andrea Boden, Project Manager, RtI Consortium

Nebraska administrators implementing RtI in their school districts will discuss important decisions and questions addressed during scaling up and implementation of the RtI process for reading.

### **Implementing Rule 15 for English Language Learners** **Diamond 8**

*(This session will cover information pertaining to a new Rule)*

Presented by: Mary Ann Losh and Nancy Rowch, NDE and Kim Malenoski, State Liaison, North Central Comprehensive Center at McREL

The purpose of Rule 15 is to enable limited English proficient students to become English proficient in listening, speaking, reading and writing. A "Guide for Implementing Rule 15" has been developed to assist districts in implementing this new rule. This session will examine the requirements and review the new implementation guide.

### **What Do 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills and STEAM have in Common?** **Ruby 4**

Presented by: Mary Duffy, NDE

This presentation will discuss the interrelationships among these topics. If Nebraska's students are to succeed in their future endeavors, interweaving these concepts in meaningful curriculum will help to ensure future success for Nebraska students.

### **From Juvenile Correctional Facility to High School – Making the Transition Work** **Ruby 6**

Presented by: Mark Mason, NDE Vocational Rehabilitation and Tony Kleidosty, Principal, West Kearney High School

Most students leaving the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTC) return to their community and enroll in high school. Without proper planning to facilitate this transition, students often fail to enroll on a timely basis, increasing the chance to drop out and possibly leading to a higher dropout rate for the receiving school district.

NDE initiated a demonstration project in 2009 that was sponsored by the Special Education Office and Vocational Rehabilitation, funding the YRTC Transition Liaison position. As a result of this initiative, students are returning to school much sooner. This session will describe the process and inform the audience of the critical elements necessary to ensure prompt enrollment, the adjustment to school and resources available for support.

### **Educating Students in Homeless Situations: What the Law Does and Does Not Require** **Ruby 7**

Presented by: Roger Reikofski, NDE

This presentation will share strategies that have been found effective for identifying homeless students. Discussion will include the legal rights students in homeless situations have as provided by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act. The discussion will also include current best practices and suggestions for meeting the requirements of the law.



**Dr. Valorie Foy, new Director of Statewide Assessment  
and  
Jeremy Heneger, Assistant Director**

## INFORMATIONAL TABLES

### **Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP)/Education/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP)/Education provides statewide assistive technology services to children (birth to twenty-one) with special needs and their families, caregivers, teachers, service providers, etc. Some of the services offered by ATP/Education include:

**Training** (which may range from awareness of assistive technology to specific devices)

**Consultations** (child specific requests/identified needs)

**Technical Support** (this may include phone support or on-site visitation)

**Funding** (assistance with working through the funding process and information on available sources of funding, but ATP/Education is not a funding source)

**Equipment Loan Pool** (short term loans of devices)

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) school facilities accessibility information will also be available.

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Lilly Blase, SPED ADA Consultant; (402) 471-6051; [lilly.blase@nebraska.gov](mailto:lilly.blase@nebraska.gov)

### **Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education (Birth-5)**

Early Childhood Specialists from the Office of Early Childhood and Special Education will be available to discuss Rule 11, Rule 51, early childhood program issues, early intervention/special education concerns, and questions related to transition to kindergarten. Resources for programs will be available.

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Joan Luebbers, NDE; (402) 471-2474; [joan.luebbers@nebraska.gov](mailto:joan.luebbers@nebraska.gov)

### **NDE Teacher Certification**

Staff will be available to answer your questions regarding teacher certification.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kevin Peters, NDE; (402) 471-0739; [kevin.peters@nebraska.gov](mailto:kevin.peters@nebraska.gov)

Mary Howard, NDE; (402) 471-0949; [mary.howard@nebraska.gov](mailto:mary.howard@nebraska.gov)

### **Nebraska Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NAHPERD)**

A table with information and research materials on health and wellness, physical education and the latest research connecting student wellness to academic achievement.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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### **Nebraska Career Education**

Nebraska Career Education will offer information about upcoming professional development opportunities, as well as new public relations/marketing materials, research and other resources for your schools to use.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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### Nebraska Career Student Organizations

Nebraska Career Student Organizations will offer information about leadership and professional development opportunities available to students and teachers. New marketing and outreach efforts including the new individual CSO rack cards, new CSO brochure and the strategic effort to gather career education student success stories and testimonials will be featured.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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### Nebraska ChildFind

Nebraska ChildFind provides information to parents, school personnel, and service providers on child development and special education for children from birth (or date of diagnosis) to age 21. ChildFind also helps parents access information on rights and resources to help them advocate for an appropriate education for their child. ChildFind is Nebraska's statewide contact for Early Intervention referrals and development information. Please visit the website for additional information: [www.childfind.ne.gov](http://www.childfind.ne.gov)

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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### Nebraska Loves Public Schools

Nebraska Loves Public Schools is a program funded by The Sherwood Foundation and designed to promote the great work happening in public schools across the state. Visit our table to see some of our mini-films, get a NElovesPS sticker, and share what's happening at your school! Please visit the website for additional information: [www.NElivesPS.org](http://www.NElivesPS.org).

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Denise Powell, Nebraska Loves Public Schools; [denise@nelovesps.org](mailto:denise@nelovesps.org)

### Nebraska School Breakfast Challenge

Breakfast is a key contributor to better academic performance, better attendance, fewer behavior problems and better overall health. Nebraska underperforms most states in school breakfast participation. Fewer than 75% of schools in Nebraska that offer school lunch, offer breakfast—only 5 states have a lower percentage.

This display table will provide information, tools and resources about funding opportunities, human resource assistance, as well as ideas for expanding breakfast and increasing breakfast participation in their schools to achieve the Nebraska School Breakfast Challenge.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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### Nebraska School Nutrition Association – The Building Blocks of School Lunch

The Nebraska School Nutrition Association (NSNA) will provide information about the Association. By becoming a member of NSNA school foodservice personnel have access to many resources that will benefit their individual programs. NSNA is a professional organization that is linked with the School Nutrition Association (SNA), the national affiliate. SNA provides educational opportunities that help school lunch directors and managers grow their School Lunch Programs. We will showcase technology to access current information and new nutrition guidelines (and accompanying implementation changes). Information on membership in the professional organization will also be available. *(description continued on the next page)*

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### Nebraska School Nutrition Association – The Building Blocks of School Lunch (continued)

This organization provides foodservice employees a place to learn and to grow professionally, which in turn will benefit the many students that participate in the School Breakfast and Lunch Programs across the state.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Dondi Kilgore, Past-President, Nebraska School Nutrition Association; (402) 436-1765; [dkilgore@lps.org](mailto:dkilgore@lps.org)

### North Central Association/AdvancED

If you are the principal of an NCA school, come to this table to pick up your annual packet. The packet contains your school's personalized school improvement and external team visitation information. Anyone else wishing to learn about regional accreditation through the North Central Association is welcome to stop by.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Freida Lange or Connie Virts, NDE; (402) 471-0955; [cvirts@advanc-ed.org](mailto:cvirts@advanc-ed.org)

### Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS)

Tired of spending hours dealing with student discipline and office referrals? Positive Behavior Interventions and Support is a systemic approach that will help change the culture of your school. It is an evidence-based process that, when implemented with fidelity, has been shown to decrease office discipline referrals, address bullying, and increase student achievement. The table display will introduce you to very basic concepts and philosophy behind PBIS and share with you about training and implementation. Please stop by to learn how your school can become involved.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Jolene Palmer, NDE; (402) 471-2944; [jolene.palmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:jolene.palmer@nebraska.gov)

### Project PARA

The Paraeducator Self-Study Program provides schools with Web-based training resources for paraeducators. This training provides relevant information to assist paraeducators in developing their skills for working effectively within a classroom.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Marjorie Bisbee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; (402) 472-1347; [mbisbee1@unl.edu](mailto:mbisbee1@unl.edu)

### State of the Schools Report (SOSR)

Stop by and visit with NDE staff and test drive the new SOSR website. See firsthand what is new and different.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sameano Porchea, NDE; (402) 471-4740; [sameano.porchea@nebraska.gov](mailto:sameano.porchea@nebraska.gov)

### Statewide Math and Science Professional Development Opportunities

Two statewide projects, Nebraska Mathematics Professional Development Series (NMPDS) and Keep Improving Content Knowledge in Science (KICKS2), have been funded under Title II, Part B of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act Mathematics and Science Partnership Program. Their goal is to enhance the content knowledge and skills of Nebraska mathematics and science teachers, thereby enhancing student achievement.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please visit the websites for additional information:

#### NMPDS:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/msp/math.html>

Carol Jessen, ESU 8; (402) 887-5041; [cjessen@esu8.org](mailto:cjessen@esu8.org)

#### KICKS2:

<http://www.kicks2.org>

Deb Paulman, ESU 16; (308) 284-8481;

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2013 Data Conference

April 29-30, 2013

Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

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### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic/Latino Education Summit

October 22, 2012

Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

For more information:

<http://www.latinosummit.org/>

Contact: Mary Ann Losh, [maryann.losh@nebraska.gov](mailto:maryann.losh@nebraska.gov)

### Early Childhood Workshops for Early Childhood Program Administrators

September 12, 2012; ESU 16, Ogallala, NE

September 13, 2012; ESU 10, Kearney, NE

September 14, 2012; Lifelong Learning Center,

Northeast Comm. College, Norfolk, NE

September 20, 2012; Continuing Education Bldg.

Southeast Comm. College, Lincoln, NE

September 21, 2012; Nebraska Children's Home Society,

Omaha, NE

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### FBLA Fall Leadership Conference

September 25-26, 2012

Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE

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### FBLA State Leadership Conference

April 4-6, 2013

Ramada Plaza, Omaha, NE

Contact: Bev Newton, [bev.newton@nebraska.gov](mailto:bev.newton@nebraska.gov)

### FCCLA Fall Leadership Workshop

September 10, 2012

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

Contact: Jan Brandt, [janis.brandt@nebraska.gov](mailto:janis.brandt@nebraska.gov)

### FCCLA State Conference

April 7-9, 2013

Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE

Pershing Center, Lincoln, NE

TBD, Lincoln, NE

Contact: Jan Brandt, [janis.brandt@nebraska.gov](mailto:janis.brandt@nebraska.gov)

### Health Sciences Fall Workshops

October 30, 2012; UNMC Campus, Omaha, NE

October 31, 2012; Northeast Comm. College,  
Norfolk NE

### Health Sciences Fall Workshops (Continued)

November 8, 2012; Mid Plains Comm. College,  
North Platte, NE

November 9, 2012; Central Comm. College,  
Grand Island, NE

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### Human Science and Education/FCS Fall Workshops

October 2, 2012; Chadron State College, Chadron, NE

October 3, 2012; Mid Plains Comm. College,  
McCook, NE

October 5, 2012; Southeast Comm. College,  
Beatrice, NE

October 9, 2012; Northeast Comm. College, Norfolk, NE

October 10, 2012; Central Comm. College, Hastings, NE

October 12, 2012; Metro Comm. College, Omaha, NE

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### Native American Student Achievement Symposium

November 5, 2012

Wayne State College, Wayne, NE

For more information:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/mce/Symposium.html>

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### NCE Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Fall Workshops

September 5, 2012; Gering Civic Center, Gering, NE

October 2, 2012; Northeast Comm. College, Norfolk, NE

October 10, 2012; NE College of Tech. Agric., Curtis, NE

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### NCE Business, Marketing, and Management and Communication and Information Systems Standards Workshops

October 3, 2012; Northeast Comm. College,  
Norfolk, NE

October 10, 2012; Western NE Comm. College,  
Scottsbluff, NE

October 11, 2012; North Platte Comm. College,  
North Platte, NE

October 17, 2012; Central Comm. College,  
Grand Island, NE

October 24, 2012; Metropolitan Comm. College,  
Omaha, NE

October 25, 2012; Southeast Comm. College,  
Lincoln, NE

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **NCE Skilled and Technical Sciences Fall Workshops**

September 17, 2012; Southeast Comm. College,  
Lincoln, NE  
September 18, 2012; Metropolitan Comm. College,  
Omaha, NE  
October 1, 2012; Western NE Comm. College,  
Scottsbluff, NE  
October 2, 2012; North Platte Comm. College,  
North Platte, NE  
October 3, 2012; Central Comm. College, Hastings, NE  
October 10, 2012; Northeast Comm. College, Norfolk, NE  
Contact: Tony Glenn, [tony.glenn@nebraska.gov](mailto:tony.glenn@nebraska.gov)

### **Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics (NATM)**

September 24, 2012  
Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE  
For more information:  
<http://www.natmonline.org>  
Contact: Deb Romanek, [deb.romanek@nebraska.gov](mailto:deb.romanek@nebraska.gov)

### **Nebraska Career Education Beginning Teacher Institute**

July 30-August 2, 2012  
Holiday Inn Downtown, Lincoln, NE  
Contact: Cory Epler, [cory.epler@nebraska.gov](mailto:cory.epler@nebraska.gov)

### **Nebraska Career Education (NCE) Conference**

June 4-6, 2013  
Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE  
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or Nicole Coffey, [nicole.coffey@nebraska.gov](mailto:nicole.coffey@nebraska.gov)

### **Nebraska Career Education Leadership Academy**

July 30-August 2, 2012  
Holiday Inn Downtown, Lincoln, NE  
Contact: Cory Epler, [cory.epler@nebraska.gov](mailto:cory.epler@nebraska.gov)

### **Nebraska International Languages Association Fall Conference**

October 12-13, 2012  
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE  
Contact: Melanie Bloom,  
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### **Nebraska School Counseling Academy**

October 15-16, 2012  
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE  
For more information:  
<http://www.neschoolcounselor.org>  
Contact: Cheryl Kreikemeier, [ckreikemeier@esu2.org](mailto:ckreikemeier@esu2.org)

### **Nebraska State FFA Convention**

April 3-5, 2013  
Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE  
Pershing Center, Lincoln, NE  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln - East Campus, Lincoln, NE  
Contact: Donelle Johnson, [donelle.johnson@nebraska.gov](mailto:donelle.johnson@nebraska.gov)

### **Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) Conference**

March 14-16, 2013  
Midtown Holiday Inn, Grand Island, NE  
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### **Positive Behavioral Interventions Support (PBIS) Administrators' Academies**

October 25, 2012; Lincoln, NE  
November 5, 2012; Omaha, NE  
November 6, 2012; Lincoln, NE  
November 7, 2012; Grand Island, NE  
November 8, 2012; North Platte, NE  
December 11, 2012; Lincoln, NE  
Registration information NDE Master Calendar:  
<http://ndecalendar.mhsoftware.com/>  
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### **School Improvement Workshops**

September 20-21, 2012; Holiday Inn Express,  
North Platte, NE  
October 8-9, 2012; ESU 10, Kearney, NE  
October 25-26, 2012; Lifelong Learning Center, NECC,  
Norfolk, NE  
October 29-30, 2012; DC Centre, Omaha, NE  
Contact: Freida Lange  
or Connie Virts, [cvirt@advanc-ed.org](mailto:cvirt@advanc-ed.org)

### **Special Education Regional Workshops, "Individualizing Instruction for Every Student in Your Classroom"**

October 2, 2012; ESU 13, Scottsbluff, NE  
October 4, 2012; Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE  
October 5, 2012; Embassy Suites – Downtown, Omaha, NE  
For more information:  
<http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/index.html>  
Contact: Jan Thelen, [jan.thelen@nebraska.gov](mailto:jan.thelen@nebraska.gov)

### **Tri-State Regional Special Education Law Conference**

November 8-9, 2012  
Embassy Suites - Downtown, Omaha, NE  
Contact: Jeanne Heaston, [jeanne.heaston@nebraska.gov](mailto:jeanne.heaston@nebraska.gov)

### **Youth Risk Behaviors, Addressing Challenges & Barriers to Achieve Success Conference**

September 17-18, 2012  
Hastings Hotel & Convention Center, Hastings, NE  
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