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2016 AQuESTT Conference – April 18-19, 2016

“Every Student Everyday – Continuing to Improve with Data Conference”

Contact: Debe Dockhorn (402-471-2748 or debe.dockhorn@nebraska.gov)

Registration is now open! Please follow this link to register:

http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov/cf_Conference_2016.aspx?CID=9

Purpose:

The purpose of the conference is to support school and district improvement efforts focused on the tenets of AQuESTT (i.e., College and Career Ready; Educator Effectiveness; Assessment; Positive Partnerships, Relationships & Student Success; Transitions; and Educational Opportunities and Access). The conference is also designed to broaden educator understanding of the roles of research and evaluation, emerging and best practices, and professional learning in achieving student success. In addition to sessions that focus on these topics, there will also be opportunities to learn about the latest efforts in data use, tools, and training around systems of support for Nebraska schools. Finally, we are pleased to announce the National Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) will be joining us in Nebraska to provide a series of timely and appropriate sessions on student data privacy and security best practices.

Who should attend?

School districts and Educational Service Units are encouraged to send teams to the conference to maximize opportunities for professional learning that will benefit their students and schools. Suggestions for team members include school and district administrators, curriculum directors, special education directors, assessment coordinators, school improvement team members, data stewards, teacher leaders, and others involved in supporting systems of education for every student, every day.

Please review the two-page conference flyer at

<http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov/Documents/2016/AQuESTT2016Flyer.pdf>



NCLB Non Qualified Verification Report

Contact: Pat Madsen (402-471-4863 or pat.madsen@nebraska.gov)

The NCLB Non Qualified Report is available once the Student Grades template has been uploaded. The Report is located in NSSRS Validation/Verification Reports/Staff. This report is generated for NCLB-defined core academic areas using Student Grades data, teacher certification status, Elementary Education Curriculum and Instruction Assessment (EECIA), and HOUSSE approvals.

NCLB set forth the goal that teachers in core academic areas be 100% NCLB-qualified. New-to-the-profession elementary and elementary special education teachers who are Nebraska graduates must pass the Praxis II EECIA in order to be NCLB Qualified. A passing score on Praxis II test # 5017, 0011, or 5011 will be accepted. Teachers prepared out of state may submit a form, along with appropriate documentation, for Nebraska NCLB Qualified Teacher Status consideration:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Documents/Title%20II/QualifiedTeachers/QualifiedTeachersOutState2007.pdf>).

Teachers appearing as NCLB Not Qualified may need to complete a HOUSSE application. The HOUSSE form and instructions can be found at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20II.html>.

The recently passed Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) no longer includes language regarding the current highly qualified requirements. Pending issuance of implementation regulations by USDE, the current highly qualified requirements will remain in effect until further notice.

HOUSSE applications received by June 24, 2016 will be reflected in the 2015-16 SOSR. After that date, the "Request to Submit Data Late or Make Data Changes" will need to be submitted.

REMINDER!

New NSSRS Student Validation Error

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

A new Validation Error has been added to the NSSRS Validation website available through the NDE Portal under the Student & Staff (NSSRS) tab.

- 571 STUDENT Resident District is different from District (County District Number), but SCHOOL ENROLL Residence Status = Not Applicable (STUDENT & SCHOOL ENROLLMENT): The Resident District (District of Residence) listed in STUDENT is different from the District (County District Number), but the Residence Status listed in SCHOOL ENROLL is (0) Not Applicable. If the Residence District is different from the District where the student is enrolled, then a Residence Status must be listed. *(Only applies to Public Districts)*

REMINDER!

2016 AQuESTT Conference – Call for Presentations Now Open

Contact: Debe Dockhorn (402-471-2748 or debe.dockhorn@nebraska.gov)

The 2016 AQuESTT: Every Student Everyday – Continuing to Improve with Data Conference, April 18-19, at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE plans are taking shape. A critical aspect of this year's conference is engagement of district, school, ESU staff and other key partners in sharing best practices, research findings, leadership development and professional learning strategies within the tenets of AQuESTT. In addition, a focused strand on data and technology will be part of the meeting as well. Below is the link to the Conference Call for Presentations. Also, of note, is the prioritizing of session topics supporting the most requested topics by schools and districts from the recent AQuESTT Evidence-based Analysis (EBA). **Please consider being a part of this year's conference by completing a Call for Presentation by February 26.**

http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov/cf_proposal_2016.aspx?CID=9

REMINDER!

NonPublic Curriculum Report 2015-2016 – Due Date: February 29

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

This is required for NonPublic Systems only.

The NonPublic Curriculum Reporting System 2015-2016 will collect data on courses teachers teach for use in determining compliance with Rule 10 and Rule 14. The NonPublic Curriculum Report is located under the "Data Collections" tab in the Portal. Due Date: February 29. Audit Window close date: March 14.

REMINDER!

NeSA-RMSW 2015-2016 Key Dates

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

Key dates for NeSA-RMSW are presented in the following table.

eDIRECT Test Setup for NeSA-RMS available to Districts. Check student information in Test Setup => Students for any needed corrections – accommodations, demographics, or testing codes.	February 22 – May 6, 2016
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Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website:
<http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.

If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a “Helpdesk Request” from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – **This is a Voicemail line ONLY.**

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletins: Past and Present:

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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