

**NDE Bulletin**  
**April 27, 2011**

**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all who participated in and supported the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Data Conference. The conference evaluation will be an online survey that participants will receive soon from NCSA. Please take time to provide your input and reactions to help the planning for next year's conference!

**Nutrition Services: Direct Certification Update for Public and Nonpublic Schools**

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District/system staff can access the "Qualified Student List Directly Certified as Free" report to review up-to date information on students who qualify for free meals. The report is located on the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) website and click on the 'All Dates Combined' in the list date to view all students. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) sends nightly SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) data.

Previously, the extract was sent every quarter. NDE matches students with the DHHS extract to allow students to be approved for free meals without any application from the family for school meal benefits.

The CNP website is located at <http://cnp.education.ne.gov/>

**NDE Staff ID and NDE Staff ID Download open**

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District/system staff can access the NDE Staff ID and NDE Staff ID Download applications. In NDE Staff ID Download, there are four files available for download containing the NDE Staff ID; 1) has 2010-2011 staff reported by your district/system 2) has a file with the last four years of staff reported by your district/system, 3) has substitute teachers reported for 2010-2011 by your district/system (only available if substitute teachers have been reported by your district/system in the CDC), and 4) has substitute teachers for the last 5 schools years reported by your district/system. These files may be used for import into the district/system's staff data system. Staff that have certification or were employees of another Nebraska district will have an NDE Staff ID, and can be found using the NDE Staff ID application's search feature. Staff that do not have a certificate or have not worked in another Nebraska school district will need to have an NDE Staff ID assigned. All staff will be reported with the NDE Staff ID in 2011-2012, as the social security number will no longer be accepted in NSSRS Staff Reporting.

The documentation is located on the NSSRS Resources page available at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/>

**Guidance for Reporting Student Grades Template**

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Answers to many questions regarding the reporting of the NSSRS Student Grades template can be found in the "Guidance for Reporting Student Grades Template" document published in February 2011. A copy of this document can be obtained from the "Program-specific Information" section of the "NSSRS Resources" web page

([http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html#Program\\_Specific\\_Information](http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html#Program_Specific_Information)). District staff are encouraged to review this document as they prepare to submit this information.

## REMINDERS

### **Education Jobs Application – due May 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Education Jobs application is available through the Portal under the GMS tab.

### **ARRA Funds**

A reminder that American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) end soon. Reimbursement request's Final Report for State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) is due by August 30, 2011. Final Reports for all other ARRA funds (IDEA, Title I, Technology, etc.) are due by September 30, 2011 with the exception of the Section 1003(G) School Improvement Grants.

### **State of the Schools Report Timeline**

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This timeline of activities for the collection and public release of the 2010-11 State of the Schools Report (SOSR) will be updated as needed. For information on submissions, please see the NSSRS Calendar at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html#Calendar>

NEW: The State of the Schools (SOSR) Preview 2010-11, found in the NDE Portal under Data Collections, will open on June 1. The SOSR Preview 2010-11 displays the data submitted by districts on the next business day. This year, the SOSR Preview will have two new displays:

- The number and achievement (performance on NeSA tests when it becomes available) of students considered to be Highly Mobile as required in Nebraska law 79,760.05.
  - Information on the process of identifying Highly Mobile students and data was presented at the Data Conference (April 18-19, 2011) and will soon be posted on the NSSRS website. Watch the NDE Bulletin for dates and locations.
- The Cohort Four-Year Graduation data for all subgroups in all high schools - this will be **preliminary** data until any summer graduate data is submitted (August 1 – 12). The Cohort Four-Year Graduation rates will be published on the 2010-11 State of the Schools Report but are not the official graduation rate for 2010-11 and will not be used for AYP's Other Academic Indicator until the 2011-12 school year.
  - Reminder: The Graduation Cohort Analysis Tool is available now and accessed via NSSRS Validation.

Mar. 21 – Apr. 22	• Corrections to current year Curriculum Reports allowed
April 29	• Districts receive Grades 4 and 8 NeSA Writing results
June 1	• SOSR Preview 2011 opens with data displayed on the day after submission <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NEW REPORTS: Cohort 4-Year Graduation Data and Highly Mobile students</li></ul>
June 15	• Tentative date for adding NeSA-Writing results to the SOSR Preview 2011
June 27 – July 1	• Standards Setting for NeSA – Math and NeSA, Alternate Assessment Math, and Alternate Assessment Reading
June 30	• Due date for submissions in NSSRS and CDC (See NSSRS Calendar) • HOUSSSE forms for NCLB Qualified Teachers due
July 7	• State Board Meeting to approve the achievement standards for NeSA-M,

	<p>NeSA – AAM, and NeSA - AAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AYP State goals set and submitted for approval by U. S. Department of Education</li> </ul>
July 22- 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS system unavailable for scheduled maintenance and upgrades</li> </ul>
August 1 – 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS 2010-11 Corrections Window including submission of summer graduate data (See NSSRS Calendar)</li> </ul>
August 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Districts receive their own NeSA – Reading and Math and Writing results from DRC</li> </ul>
August 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NeSA – Reading and Math results posted on the NDE homepage. The Initial public release will be files with the results for the all students group for schools and districts.</li> </ul>
August 1 – 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Window for correcting 2010-11 data</li> </ul>
August 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS opens for 2011-12 school year data</li> </ul>
Mid-September*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AYP decisions posted on the SOSR Review 2011</li> <li>• Districts have 30 days to submit appeals of AYP decisions</li> </ul> <p>*Watch for announcements in NDE Bulletins</p>
October 18 – November 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS 2010-11 Resubmission window open (See NSSRS Calendar)</li> </ul>
October 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release of the State of the Schools Report for the 2010-11 school year</li> </ul>