

These NDE Bulletins on NSSRS/STARS/NCLB will include information on any or all of these areas and will be used to provide updated information or clarifications. We are sending the NDE Bulletins to as many people as possible to ensure the information gets to the appropriate people. Please share this with the appropriate people or delete if the information does not affect you. All previous NDE Bulletins are now posted on the NDE homepage for easy reference. Thank you.

January 22, 2009

Writing Data

New process for Updating Student Data for Statewide Writing Assessment

Updates of student demographic data or student transfers between buildings must be submitted to the NSSRS. Districts do not submit demographic or transfer data to ESU #3. The ESU #3 will receive its data from the NSSRS. Refer, if necessary, to pages 28 and 30 of the Nebraska Statewide Writing Assessment Administration Manual.

NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability) Field Testing – April 13 – May 1, 2009

All districts that wish to participate in the online field testing may do so. Procedures will be announced during the February 27, 2009 telecast at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time) on Net*SAT 105 and State Channel 04. Letters have been sent to 40 districts requesting their participation in the paper/pencil field test. These districts were selected through a random stratified sample based on demographics and geography. Again, information will be provided in the telecast (details above).

Nonpublic School Systems

On February 5, 2009 NDE will be offering two 1 hour conference calls for Non Public Systems to call in and ask questions and address any concerns or issues regarding the recent changes in data submission. The first conference calls will take place at 10:00 a.m. CST and the second will be at 2:00 p.m. CST.

Call in number: 866.599.9176

Conference code: 402.471.4740

NCLB Update and Data Collections Update

The regularly scheduled NCLB Update will be telecast on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time) on Net*SAT 105 (State Channel 04). The agenda will include information and proposed timelines for the 2009-10 NCLB Consolidated Application, the latest available information on allocations for the coming year, REAP and on the economic stimulus proposals that include Title I.

The telecast will be no more than one hour. For technical assistance contact the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426. The powerpoint presentation used in the telecast will be posted by February 6th on "Federal Programs - NCLB" on the NDE homepage under NCLB Updates at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/nclbupdates/index.htm>

A DVD of the telecast will be sent to all ESUs following the broadcast. A video of the telecast can be downloaded at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/nclbupdates/video.htm>

At 11:00 a.m. on February 10, 2009 (same channels), there will be a **Data Collections Update**. The agenda will include information on the new national test (norm-referenced) reporting at the student level, upcoming changes to race/ethnicity, new reporting requirements for nonpublic schools and the Data Conference. This telecast will last no more than one hour. The powerpoint presentations and video will be posted on the NCLB homepage above and on the Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS) homepage.

Data Quality Training

Data Quality Tactical Workshop: This two day workshop is intended to educate and train data stewards and their teams. There will be eight workshops across the state this Spring that you

can attend. The registration for these workshops will be handled through the ESUs; invitations will be coming soon.

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| Holdrege | March 3 - 4 |
| Fremont | April 7- 8 |
| North Platte | March 24 - 25 |
| Scottsbluff | April 2 - 3 |
| Kearney | April 14-15 |
| Hastings | TBA |
| Neligh | TBA |
| Milford | March 12 - 13 |

Reminders:

NCLB – 2007-08 Title I Accountability Grants - Reminder

For districts with Title I schools identified to be in school improvement in the 2007-08 school year that received Title I Accountability grants, the final financial reports are due by Monday, March 16, 2009. The ability to spend funds from these grants ends on January 31, 2009.