



Friday News Blast



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Adria Bace “Gets to Retire”

As Adria Bace expressed it herself, she ‘gets to retire’, and as of December 31st, 2018, Adria has moved on to her next phase of life. After 43 years of incredibly dedicated service to our department, but most importantly to the students of Nebraska, Adria will certainly be missed. We all wish her the very, very best that her life has to offer her and a big THANK YOU for all she has done for our state. Best of luck Adria!!

Teresa Berube has Stepped Down

Many of you over the last few years have had the opportunity of working with Teresa Berube. Teresa, as you know, worked in our special education early childhood programs statewide. She resigned from her position as of December 31st, 2018. A huge thank-you goes out to Teresa for all of the great work she has done for early childhood programs across our state. She will be missed.

Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Tracking Tool is Now Available

The NDE Office of Special Education has created a Microsoft Excel worksheet “MOE Tracking Tool (18-19)” and instructions “MOE Worksheet Instructions (18-19)” to assist districts in planning, budgeting, and tracking special education expenditures and reimbursements for the 2018-19 year. Calculations generated from the tool assist in increasing the probability districts will meet the MOE compliance standard. The tool permits districts to report actual and projected special education Annual Finance Report (AFR) expenditures/receipts on a monthly or to-date basis. Information is located within the finance section of the NDE Special Education home page: <https://www.education.ne.gov/sped/finance/>

If you have questions contact Greg Prochazka (402-471-4314) or Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308) within the Special Education Office.

MIPS Update

Over the holiday break, you received deposits for direct services (traditionally known as Medicaid in Public School) payments. The payments are labeled as DS SN17, DS DF18 and DS MM18. The DS stands for direct services. The last part of the label stands for the quarter. For example, DS SN17 is direct services for September through November 2017 quarter. The amounts will match the amounts in Fairbanks. Please contact Jennifer Irvine with questions.

We hope you all had a fantastic holiday season. Happy New Year to you all and appreciate your leadership in 2018.

And with the New Year... The Best is Yet to Come!

Steve and Amy