



Friday News Blast



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PEaK Project Reminder

Applications for the 2019-2020 PEaK Project are due Friday, **May 17**. Contact Kelly Wojcik at kelly.wojcik@nebraska.gov for any questions related to the Project application. Budget questions can be answered by Pete Biaggio at pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov

The 2018-19 PEaK Project closes July 31, 2019. All funds should be used by that time. To close out the 2018-19 PEaK Project, no written report is required, however, the [Final Financial Report](#) is due no later than September 13, 2019.

Kindergarten Eligibility

We sometimes receive requests for clarification of NDE Rules 11 and 51 as they relate to the provision of services to children with disabilities in early childhood education programs. The attached memo addresses the question about whether it is permissible to continue serving a child who has reached the age of kindergarten eligibility in an early childhood education program if the child's IEP team has determined that setting to be the appropriate placement.

The 2018-2019 GMS IDEA Consolidated Application has been loaded with additional allocations and individual district's 2017-2018 IDEA Carryover funds.

One third of the districts have not amended their 2018-2019 GMS IDEA Consolidated Application to budget for the additional funds allocated to every district and for funds carried over from 2016-17.

Every district is be required to create a 2018-2019 GMS IDEA Consolidated Application amendment to budget these additional funds. Final 2018-19 IDEA reimbursement claims cannot be processed before these funds are budgeted.

Please amend soon to prevent delaying reimbursement to your district. Any questions, contact Suzie Pierce (402-471-4333 or Suzie.Pierce@nebraska.gov), Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308 or pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov), or Greg Prochazka (402-471-4314 or greg.prochazka@nebraska.gov).

Enjoy your weekend.

Steve and Amy