



Friday News Blast



8-9-2019

IEP Facilitators List:

During the 2019 Spring semester, over 100 educators across Nebraska participated in training to become IEP Facilitators. Greg Abell from Sound Options Group provided the 2-day course. Participants gained practical knowledge to support and lead groups through crucial conversations and best practices in various IDEA related contexts, including the IEP process. If you have a parent/educator/other person requesting a facilitator, please refer to the *attached* listing. Also, if you/someone you know were trained before 2019, please send an email to reha.hochstein@nebraska.gov, to be added to the Facilitator list.

LB 1081 – Nebraska Reading Improvement Act (Exempt Student Clarification)

Please see *attached* document.

2020 Transition Conference

Please see the *attached* flyer.

Transition

Individuals representing Educational Service Units across the state have been prepared to train other educators in their region to use transition assessment tools and increase the capacity to use evidence based practices aimed at improving Post School Outcomes for students with disabilities.

See *attached* “Assessment Trainer Info” for more information.

MTSS Newsletter – Fall 2019 Edition – Please see attached.

IDEA Maintenance of Fiscal Effort (MOE) Eligibility Standard for Special Education - UPDATE

It has come to NDE’s attention that for a number of districts the 2018-19 student counts identified on line “N” within the “IDEA Part B Maintenance of Fiscal Effort (MOE) Eligibility Standard for Special Education School Year 2019-2020” were in error.

As defined, “Resident students for MOE purposes are those verified students with disabilities in which the district maintains a financial obligation for special education service provision (Total of resident students, plus those students optioned enrolled into the district and less those students optioned enrolled out of the district.)

In the rare case this initially impacted the 2019-2020 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Eligibility per-capita standards, NDE staff considered the correct count per their review.

Correct 2018-2019 student count numbers will be loaded into the upcoming “IDEA Part B Maintenance of Fiscal Effort (MOE) Compliance Standard for 2018-2019” this winter.

If when utilizing the 2018-2019 “MOE Tool” to track and estimate the MOE status, your district may have used the “IDEA Part B Maintenance of Fiscal Effort (MOE) Eligibility Standard for Special Education School Year 2019-2020” as your source of the 2018-2019 student count. If you feel that count may be in error please email NDE to verify the correct number.

Questions please contact, Greg Prochazka greg.prochazka@nebraska.gov

IDEA Consolidated Application in GMS Status Check

Take a minute to look at your district’s **2018-2019** IDEA Consolidated Application in GMS. There are a handful of school districts still needing to submit their amended 2018-2019 IDEA Consolidation Applications (GMS). If you are one of the districts that allocated funds for salary and benefits, complete the staffing pages with the individual staff information and modify budget amounts if needed. Any 2018-2019 IDEA reimbursement claims containing salary and benefit expenditures or unbudgeted funds will be delayed until the amendment has been submitted and approved.

Also look to verify that your district’s **2019-2020** IDEA Consolidated Application in GMS is in “Final Approved” or “Submitted to NDE” status. Many have been return for changes and need to be modified and resubmitted so approval can be made before the project start date of September 1, 2019. Questions contact, Suzie Pierce 402-471-4333, suzie.pierce@nebraska.gov ; or Greg Prochazka 402-471-4314, greg.prochazka@nebraska.gov

Invitation To Nominate Nebraska Paraeducator Of The Year

You are encouraged to nominate an outstanding paraeducator for recognition as a Nebraska Paraeducator of the Year. Paraeducators who demonstrate the highest standard of performance in carrying out their assigned responsibilities should be considered for nomination. The awards will be presented at the 30th Nebraska Paraeducator Conference scheduled for November 19, 2019, at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. Recognized paras will receive complementary registrations for themselves and one additional person.

Please take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution made by paraeducators and honor an outstanding individual. Nomination deadline is August 30, 2019. Online nominations can be submitted at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKbNTTK7ewzdQjI7Rp0dS3XGbuAb_c41135f1Ln5ZjbI9AA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Hope the new year is off to a great start.

Steve and Amy