



# Friday News Blast



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## **"Better Together" at NASDSE/CASE**

A few of us from the NDE Special Education Department along with members of NASES recently returned from the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) conference in Louisville, KY.

At the conference, Amy Rhone, Laura Barrett, Dr. Terry Houlton and Steve Milliken, did a breakout session entitled "Better Together", which focused on the relationship of NDE and local school districts. Terry and Steve also participated in a state and local directors' panel with two other states, Georgia and Kentucky, which focused on the topic of the importance of a quality relationship between the state and local districts.

During 'State Night', an evening activity at Churchill Downs, we were able to connect with many states and Steve was initiated as national President of NASDSE. It was a fantastic conference overall and all were proud to be from Nebraska – a state which believes that being "better together" is what moves us forward to positively impact the outcomes for students with disabilities.

## **SPED Proportionate Share Worksheet for Non-Public Schools – 2020-2021 – Open** **November 1, 2019 - December 15, 2019**

All school districts (including districts that do NOT have approved/accredited non-public schools or exempt home schools located within the district's jurisdiction) are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to complete and submit the 2020-2021 IDEA Proportionate Share application. This collection is found under the "Data Collection" tab in the portal. This collection is based on the October 1, 2019 child count of eligible children with disabilities (ages 3-21) and determines the amount of IDEA funds that must be expended for eligible parentally placed children with disabilities in an accredited/approved nonpublic school and/or an exempt home school within the school district boundaries. Contact: Greg Prochazka (402) 471-4314 or [greg.prochazka@nebraska.gov](mailto:greg.prochazka@nebraska.gov)

Hope you had a great Halloween, stay warm and enjoy our "Fall" weather,

*Steve and Amy*