



Friday News Blast



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Please see our website at www.education.ne.gov/sped for all the updated guidance and information related to special education and early intervention during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continuously be updating our page with the most recent guidance and adding resources.

NYCI 2020 Cancelled

This year's Nebraska Young Child Institute (NYCI) has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The safety and well-being of our conference speakers, attendees, and staff comes first. **Please mark your calendars and save the date for June 28-29, 2022.**

Ticket Refunds:

You do not need to do anything to cancel your ticket. If you paid with a debit/credit card, then you will be fully refunded. The refund will come as a credit to the card that you used to purchase your registration. *Refunds will be issued within the week and please allow 3-5 business days to process.*

Hotel Room Block:

If you reserved lodging (at the LaQuinta Inn, Fairfield Inn, or Comfort Inn) under the NYCI room block, then your reservation will be automatically cancelled. You should still follow up with the hotel to confirm the cancellation.

We hope to see you at NYCI 2022 and please stay healthy and safe!

Guidelines for Educational Interpreters Recorded Webinar

Our staff with the Nebraska Regional Programs for Deafness or Hard of Hearing have been working hard, and we have developed a recorded webinar *with captioning* to support the TA Doc on Guidelines for Educational Interpreters. We especially want to thank Sara Peterson from our Central/Western Region for doing such a great job. Please share with all your staff. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/6Uf1EyooirI>

If you have any questions, contact Sue Czaplewski, sue.czaplewski@esu9.us or Teresa Coonts, teresa.coonts@nebraska.gov

Transition Project Application Package

The Office of Special Education, is pleased to announce the availability of funds for **Regional Secondary Transition Projects**. The purpose of these projects is to increase local capacity and facilitate implementation of evidence-based and promising practices (EBPP).

Project guidelines and application can be accessed [here](#). This link allows for view access to the package. In order to complete the application, please save a copy locally to fill in the required information. Completed applications are due electronically **May 6, 2020**, and funded projects will run from August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021. Please direct any questions about the application to Theresa Hayes, theresa.hayes@nebraska.gov or 402-471-4304.

PEaK Project Package

The PEaK Project Package is now available and can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/PEAK20-21>. As in the past, the link allows for view access to the package. In order to complete the application, please save a copy locally to fill in the required information. Applications are due electronically by **May 15, 2020**. If you have any questions about programming, please contact Kelly Wojcik at kelly.wojcik@nebraska.gov. Questions about budgeting and finance will be answered by Greg Prochazka at greg.prochazka@nebrabrask.gov

IDEA MOE for Compliance Standard – OPEN: April 1 – DUE DATE: May 15

IDEA Part B Special Education Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Application for Compliance Standard for school year 2018-2019 opened on April 1. The report may be accessed within the NDE Portal under the Data Collection tab.

School district receipt of IDEA dollars is contingent upon maintaining fiscal effort for Special Education. Districts must expend a greater or equal amount of local or local/state funds from a previous year highest level to meet the MOE requirement. Final calculations based on actual special education school district expenditures/receipts/data obtained from the 2018-2019 AFR, GMS and ADVISER are available and have been compared to the highest levels of fiscal effort. As a result, calculations for meeting the IDEA MOE Compliance Standard may have resulted in a MOE excess or shortage that requires school district review for determination of adjustments or credits that could modify the MOE level.

Contact: Greg Prochazka at 402-471-4314 or greg.prochazka@nebraska.gov

“It may be that when we no longer know what to do we have come to our real work, and that when we no longer know which way to go we have come to our real journey. The mind that is not baffled is not employed. The impeded stream is the one that sings.” Wendell Berry

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