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Greetings,

We are writing to inform you of issues the Nebraska Department of Education is experiencing with the Exempt School online filing system and the Exempt School – School District Report. In an effort to streamline the system and create a more user-friendly interface, the NDE has undergone a complete rewrite of both systems. Unfortunately, the new filing system needed to be taken offline to work on the changes but at the time of this letter the new system is currently back online.

We know this will increase delays and cause issues for families who are attempting to complete their online filing who may have experienced issues with the new system. It is important for you to know these issues will not impact the acceptance of your Rule 13 filings for the school year, although there could be a delay in receiving your acknowledgement letter.

These delays will have a chain reaction for NDE to log and review filings, and to have up-to-date information provided to the resident public school. NDE has reached out to the public schools and asked them to refrain from contacting parents or NDE Exempt School Program staff to see if there is a 2023/24 Rule 13 filing for a particular family until after the report is available.

Further updates will be provided on the Exempt Program webpage.

Thank you for your understanding and patience,

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