



# Friday News Blast



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## **District Parent Surveys**

Districts in their Parent Survey year (Year One of Three year cycle *attached* above), please remember the due date for the surveys is **February 15, 2019**. Please contact Robyn Gonzales ([robyn.gonzales@nebraska.gov](mailto:robyn.gonzales@nebraska.gov)) with any questions.

Districts who will be monitored this year are receiving a letter with instructions from our office this week. For your convenience, these documents can also be accessed under the Accountability Tab of ILCD 3.0. Please contact Robyn Gonzales or Kelly Wojcik ([kelly.wojcik@nebraska.gov](mailto:kelly.wojcik@nebraska.gov)) with any questions.

## **GMS IDEA Consolidated Application Amendments**

Special Education staff that are incorrectly identified with NDE Staff Reporting System SPI codes could jeopardize and delay reimbursement. Verified Staff information will only display with the appropriate SPED SPI codes from NDE Staff Reporting System as identified below.

When using federal funds, appropriate Time and Effort documentation must also support the NDE Staff Reporting System SPI codes “I” (**IDEA-federal**) and “7” (**federal/local**).

For 2018-19 Staff Reporting, GMS, and State and Federal Reimbursement, districts will need to use the Specific Position Indicator (SPI) as follows:

GMS IDEA 6406 (**federal**) – all sped staff are to be reported with SPI “7” – birth to age five  
GMS IDEA 6404/6410/6411/6412 (**federal**) - all sped staff serving school age students are to be reported with SPI “I” and sped staff serving below age five students are to be reported with SPI “7”

## **30<sup>th</sup> Nebraska Paraeducator Conference**

The NDE Office of Special Education is excited to announce the 30<sup>th</sup> Nebraska Paraeducator Conference. Please see the *attached* “Save the Date” postcard and look for future postings regarding registration links and our great line-up of speakers.

Enjoy your weekend, stay warm.

*Steve and Amy*