



## **NDE: Announcements/Reminders from School Finance & Organization Services (April)**

April 1, 2019

### **Announcements**

#### **2019 Nebraska School Bus Illegal Passing Survey (Thursday, April 11, 2019)**

School Buses remain the safest way for students to get to and from school, but we all know that student riders are most vulnerable when they are outside the bus. In order to collect data to help improve safety countermeasures at the state and local levels, Nebraska will be participating in a national survey to document illegal passing of schools buses on Thursday, April 11. We hope a majority of school districts participate. [Click here for more information.](#)

#### **Certification Date Change for 2019/20 State Aid & Budgeting Factors**

Per LB 430, 2019, the certification date for 2019/20 State Aid & Budgeting Factors has been changed from on or before March 1 to on or before June 10, 2019.

### **Upcoming Due Dates/Dates of Importance**

#### **Request for Updates to the 2018/19 Special Grant Fund List (Due April 5, 2019)**

The proposed list of Special Grant Funds for 2019/20 school district budgeting is available on the FOS website at <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/special-grant-fund-list/>. If approved by the State Board of Education at its May meeting, funds budgeted to be received from these grants will be treated separately in the expenditure limitation calculations of local school districts under the provisions of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act. Only categorical grants that will not increase property tax requests are eligible.

- Please review the proposed list and submit suggestions for additions or deletions by **Friday, April 5, 2019** to Bill Biven at [bill.biven@nebraska.gov](mailto:bill.biven@nebraska.gov).

## **Exempt (Home) Schools (Rule 13)**

### **2018/19 School Year**

The Exempt School Program Office will discontinue accepting 2018/19 online and paper submissions **effective May 3, 2019**. We are currently following up on incomplete 2018/19 submissions. If you have a question concerning the status of a specific family listed on your district's "2018/19 Exempt Schools – School District Report," please email [beth.bolte@nebraska.gov](mailto:beth.bolte@nebraska.gov). Include the student & parents' names in your request.

### **2019/20 School Year**

The 2019/20 filing information will be available on the Exempt School Program website by the end of May 2019. Exemption election submissions are due annually by July 15.

- Exempt Schools – School District Report (districts enter via the NDE Portal to view this report): <https://portal.education.ne.gov>
- Exempt School Program website:  
<http://www.education.ne.gov/FOS/OrgServices/ExemptSchools/Index.html>

## **Information/Documents Recently Made Available**

### **Dates for School District Budget Preparations**

Dates related to the 2019/20 school district budgeting process are available (including availability of materials and dates for the School Finance Webinar, New Superintendent Orientations, and budget assistance) at <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/budgeting-school-district/schoolfinancebudgetassistance/>.

- Contacts: Janice Eret at (402) 471-2248 or [janice.eret@nebraska.gov](mailto:janice.eret@nebraska.gov), or Bill Biven at (402) 471-0526 or [bill.biven@nebraska.gov](mailto:bill.biven@nebraska.gov).

### **2019/20 Indirect Cost Rate Information**

The 2019/20 Rates are available at <http://www.education.ne.gov/FOS/ASPX/IndirectCost/Default.aspx>.

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