



NDE: Announcements/Reminders from School Finance & Organization Services (May)

May 1, 2019

Announcements

New Director of School Finance (State Aid)

We are happy to announce that Kevin Lyons, former Superintendent at St. Edward Public Schools, has accepted the position of Director of School Finance. He replaces Jen Utemark, who was recently promoted to another position in the Department of Education. Kevin comes to our team with a great deal of experience in school finance. His number (402) 471-3323 and his email is kevin.lyons@nebraska.gov

2018/19 ESSA Financial Reporting (ESSA) FAQ Available on the FOS Website

An online FAQ page is now available on our FOS website for schools, auditors, and ESUs to submit questions related to the expanding coding structure, uploading the AFR, and reports that will be generated by the AFR System. Once a question is submitted, it may be edited for clarity or broken out into more than one question. The 2018/19 Financial coding (ESSA) FAQ is available <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/financial-reporting-faq/>

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

Pupil Transportation Report (Open May 1/CDC Collection; Due June 15, 2019)

The Pupil Transportation Report is available as an online submission through the NDE Portal - CDC at <http://portal.education.ne.gov/>. The submission is due June 15, 2019.

- Contact Janice Eret at (402) 471-2248 or janice.eret@nebraska.gov.

Exempt (Home) Schools (Rule 13)

2018/19 School Year

The Exempt School Program Office will **discontinue accepting 2018/19 submissions effective 5:00 p.m. CT this Friday, May 3, 2019**; no additional 2018/19 Rule 13 filings will be accepted after that time. We are currently following up on the last of the incomplete 2018/19 submissions. Questions regarding the status of a specific family listed on your district's "2018/19 Exempt Schools – School District Report" should be directed to Beth Bolte via email (beth.bolte@nebraska.gov). Include the student & parents' names in your request.

2019/20 School Year

The 2019/20 filing information for parents/legal guardians 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: <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/exempt-schools/>

Information/Documents Recently Made Available

2019/20 School District Budget-Related Information

Expenditure Exclusions Requiring State Board Approval

The expenditure exclusions requiring State Board Approval, due dates for succeeding State Board meetings, and template letters are available on the School District Budgeting webpage at <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/budgeting-school-district/>. Requests for the June 6, 2019 State Board Meeting must be received by 5:00 PM on May 18.

Related Materials

The Budget Timeline is available on the School District Budgeting webpage at <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/budgeting-school-district/>. The 2019/20 Budget Text will be available in June.

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, or Bill Biven at (402) 471-0526 or bill.biven@nebraska.gov.

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