



Friday News Blast



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2019-20 PEaK Project

The 2019-20 PEaK Project applications are due **May 17, 2019**. The Project package can be found at <http://bit.ly/2019PEaK>. As a reminder, consortiums that were formed when the PEaK Project began, are required to continue until the completion of the Project cycle which will conclude at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Questions about the PEaK Project should be directed to Kelly Wojcik at kelly.wojcik@nebraska.gov or at 402-471-4303

Nebraska School Psychologists Association Dyslexia Guidance

A new dyslexia guidance document is now available from the NSPA (see attached). The document provides information on assessment, eligibility criteria, documentation, the role of the School Psychologist, and intervention programming updates.

EDN Conference Registration – OPEN:

Registration is open for the summer EDN conference. Register through the attached flyer or at this link: <http://edn.ne.gov/cms/early-development-network-conference>. Further details are located on the EDN website and flyer.

SPED State and Federal Reimbursement is contingent upon accurate reporting of NDE Staff Reporting System SPI codes

For SY2018-19 State and Federal Reimbursement, all instructional special education staff will require the appropriate SPED Specific Position Indicator (SPI) codes reported in the NDE Staff Reporting System. No later than June 30.

Staff serving school age special education students are to be reported using the SPI “I” (**IDEA-federal**) and/or SPI “S” (**State/Local**), and sped staff serving below age five students are to reported using SPI of “7” (**federal/local**).

Reporting MIPS student counts

Numerous districts have not certified their student counts in the “Fairbanks” system. Not completing this activity could adversely affect the total reimbursement a district receives from NDE for school age special education. Contact Fairbanks with questions. 1-877-219-1316, info@fairbanksllc.com

Preschool Post

The Preschool Post is a collaborative effort from the Nebraska Department of Education Office of Early Childhood and the Office of Special Education to provide educators and administrators with helpful updates, information and technical assistance to high-quality early education in Nebraska. Below is a link to the first issue.

<https://mailchi.mp/9f943776fcae/early-childhood-news-you-can-use?e=%5BUNIQID%5D&fbclid=IwAR13A5pjKTUiD5p4woMXLaIK81jgZ2mOmecA4Y9aA7rOvjCME2mpAeLLyR8>

If you're interested or know of someone who may be interested in the information provided in the Preschool Post use the link below to subscribe. <http://eepurl.com/gmR0ur>

Teaching Strategies GOLD: End-of-Year Data Clean Up Guide for Online GOLD Administrators: May 2019

As the 2018-2019 school year comes to an end, please refer to the attachment provided as a guide to clean up your *TeachingStrategies* GOLD data and program profiles.

Spring Checkpoint Support for Teachers: Webinar

<https://teachingstrategies.force.com/portal/s/article/Webinar-GOLD-Spring-Checkpoint-Support-for-Teachers>

Spring Checkpoint Support for GOLD Administrators: Webinar

<https://teachingstrategies.force.com/portal/s/article/Webinar-GOLD-Spring-Checkpoint-Support-for-Administrators>

Thanks for your continued leadership as you begin to finish out the year. Have a great weekend.

Steve and Amy