



# Friday News Blast



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7-19-2019

## **The NeMTSS Summit, 2019 is HAPPENING!!**

We have been working closely with the Younes Conference Center and Hotels to make sure we are all on track for the 2019 Summit while they are trying to recover from the recent damage from the flood. We are assured that the Summit will be held and are committed to bringing Nebraska educators together to continue to build our Nebraska MTSS! With the recovery efforts in process, there have been many messages that have been conveyed regarding hotel reservations and Summit reservations. Here is all the information you will need to register (confirm registration) and be ready to join us in September.

If you are already registered for the Summit:

- Your registration will be confirmed by the Department of Education (look for an email)

If you are not yet registered, register now: <http://www.cvent.com/d/w6qrzx>

If you had already made a reservation at a **Younes Campus Hotel** and received an email or phone message saying this reservation has been canceled, you will need to make a new reservation as many of the hotels have not been able to continue the reservations. **These reservations will be made through Leslie Galloway in the NDE – Office of Special Education as the Younes Campus Hotels do not have phone capabilities quite yet.** Since we will have less rooms available, we are asking if individuals could double in a room, that this be an option chosen by the districts. We are moving room blocks from some of the hotels that will not be open to the Candlewood and Holiday Inn Express (Holiday Inn Express is open and reservations for this specific hotel need to be made with them directly at 308-234-8100...be sure to mention the Summit for the group rate). Reservations for all other hotels on the Younes Campus will be made by Leslie and will only be made once a Summit registration is confirmed.

Room Blocks are available at the following hotels: Fairfield Inn –\$109.95; Hampton Inn –rate \$109.95; Comfort Inn –rate \$99.95;

Candlewood Inn –rate \$99.95; **Holiday Inn Express – rate \$109.95** Holiday Inn is open and phones are working **please contact them directly** for reservations 308-234-8100 (be sure to mention the summit for the group rate)

**Room Reservations For Hotels On Younes Campus – Please Email The Following Information To [leslie.galloway@nebraska.gov](mailto:leslie.galloway@nebraska.gov)**

- Contact Name & Phone Number
- Hotel Preference
- Number of Rooms Needed (please consider sharing rooms with colleagues)
- Any special needs (i.e. ADA accessible etc.)
- Please **DO NOT** send any billing information etc. as that is not being required at this time.

Leslie will be in direct communication with the hotels and once the hotels have their phone lines up and running again the hotel will contact you directly for any follow-up information etc.

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Paraeducator Conference – November 19, 2019** – Registration is now open. Please see the attached postcard.

**2019-2020 IDEA Consolidated Application in GMS – DUE TODA – July 19**

The IDEA Consolidated Application has a planned opening date of May 29. Check the GMS logon page for any updates <https://nde.mtwgms.org/NDEGMSWebv02/logon.aspx>

**Major Change:** Beginning with the 2019-2020 application, the dollar allocation for both “IDEA BASE” and “IDEA E/P” will be combined into one allocation/budget #6408.

As with last year, the IDEA Consolidated Application is opening earlier to be in compliance with federal regulations. With this earlier opening date, the system’s staff page edit checks cannot verify to the NSSRS Staffing application for the year of application (new school year). District information submission into “Staff Reporting” (NSSRS)” is **due September 15**, NDE review is finalized October 31.

If your district is planning to budget IDEA funds for salaries and benefits, enter a total amount for salaries and the corresponding benefits in the budget. Please do not complete the individual staff information on the staff pages at this time. After October 31, any district that budgeted salaries and benefits, the 2019-2020 IDEA Consolidated Application will be required to be amended with the completed staffing pages with the individual staff information. At that time, the system will verify staff with the appropriate NSSRS Staffing information available after October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Any 2019-2020 IDEA reimbursement claims containing salary and benefit expenditures will be delayed until the amendment has been submitted and approved. An attached document, ***Example Of Proportionately Allocating Salary/Benefits To IDEA Funds***, provides an example of budgeting special education salary and benefits.

Also recall the related IDEA Maintenance of Fiscal Effort (MOE) Eligibility Standard (See below) must be completed and approved before the district’s 2019-2020 IDEA Consolidated Application can be approved by NDE.

Questions contact, Suzie Pierce 402-471-4333, [Suzie.Pierce@nebraska.gov](mailto:Suzie.Pierce@nebraska.gov) ; Pete Biaggio at 402-471-4308 or e-mail [pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov)

## **IDEA Maintenance of Fiscal Effort (MOE) Eligibility Standard for Special Education - DUE TODAY – July 19**

School district eligibility for receipt of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA Part B) funds are contingent upon maintaining fiscal effort from year to year. Districts are to report within this application estimated special education expenditures, receipts, and resident child counts to establish eligibility for the receipt IDEA Part B funds through the Grant Management system (GMS) during the 2019-2020 year. Application access: <http://ideamoe.education.ne.gov/default.aspx> For information regarding this application, please contact Pete Biaggio at 402-471-4308 or e-mail [pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov)

## **IDEA Carryover Proportionate Share Balances**

Please review any IDEA allocation balances of proportionate share funds that have yet to be expended within the Grants Management System (GMS). The purpose of these funds are to provide special education services to children with disabilities (Ages 3-21) who are parentally placed in approved and or accredited nonpublic schools including exempt home schools. If the district has a remaining allocation of these funds (IDEA 6412) which contain a balance of carryover (Prior year) funds consider the following:

- Promptly Claim additional obligated expenditures for any documented non-public services costs within the GMS to partially or completely reduce the GMS-6412 allocation
- If the district is unable to expend the 2018-2019 GMS-6412 allocated carry over funds for the intended purpose, the remaining carryover funds may be available to provide services to public school students if a consultation meeting is held and an amended GMS consolidated application is completed.

Please refer to the NDE technical assistance document Non-Public-Services to Children with Disabilities Enrolled by their Parents in Nonpublic Schools or contact your regional consultant for additional information.

## **Reminder for the upcoming July Teaching Strategies GOLD trainings**

Key to Responsive Planning for beginning GOLD users and administrators:

- **July 24<sup>th</sup> at ESU #3 in Omaha, NE**  
<https://ecrecords.education.ne.gov/Training/114690>

GOLD: Using Your Observations to Individualize Instruction for Experienced Users:

- **July 25<sup>th</sup> at ESU #3 in Omaha, NE**  
<https://ecrecords.education.ne.gov/Training/114697>

GOLD for Administrative Support: Interpreting and Using GOLD Data Details:

- **July 25<sup>th</sup> at ESU #3 in Omaha, NE**  
<https://ecrecords.education.ne.gov/Training/114698>

## Clarification regarding the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act (LB1081)

The Nebraska Reading Improvement Act is effective, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. To recognize the needs of some students, the legislative bill sites who is exempt from taking the approved reading assessments.

Sec. 22. (1) For school year 2019-20 and each school year thereafter, each school district shall administer an approved reading assessment three times during the school year to all students in kindergarten through grade three, **except** for any student receiving specialized instruction for limited English proficiency who has been receiving such instruction for less than two years, **any student receiving special education services for whom such assessment would conflict with the individualized education plan**, and any student receiving services under a plan pursuant to the requirements of section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, or Title II of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12131 to 12165, as such acts and sections existed on January 1, 2018, for whom such assessment would conflict with such section 504 or Title II plan. The first administration of such assessment for each such school year shall occur within the first thirty days of the school year.

The Office of Special Education, Nebraska Department of Education, provides the following clarification regarding the exemption of special education students.

- **Any student receiving special education services whose individual education plan includes a statement addressing reading or a significant reading impairment**

Enjoy your weekend and keep cool,

*Steve and Amy*