March 2, 2020

**Announcements**

**Certification Date Change for 2020/21 State Aid & Budgeting Factors**
Per LB 880, 2020, the certification date for 2020/21 State Aid & Budgeting Factors has been changed from on or before March 1 to on or before May 1, 2020.

**Upcoming Due Dates/Dates of Importance**

**Request for Updates to the 2020/21 Special Grant Fund List (Due April 3, 2020)**
The proposed list of Special Grant Funds for 2020/21 school district budgeting is available on the FOS website at [https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/special‐grant‐fund‐list/](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 3, 2020** to Michelle Cartwright at michelle.cartwright@nebraska.gov.

**Information/Documents Recently Made Available**

**Dates for School District Budget Preparations**
Dates related to the 2020/21 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/](https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/budgeting‐school‐district/schoolfinancebudgetassistance/).

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Regulations Governing Driver Qualifications & Operational Procedures for Pupil Transportation Vehicles (NDE Rule 91) Approved by the Governor

The Governor signed Rule 91 on Friday, January 31, which grants approval of the two changes made to Rule 91. These changes eliminated the level training and medical exam requirements for drivers of small vehicles on activity trips. These requirements remain for all other drivers of pupil transportation vehicles. These changes are the only revisions made to Rule 91. The effective date of Rule 91 was February 5, 2020.

- Rule 91 - https://www.education.ne.gov/nderule/driver-qualifications-and-operational-procedures/
- Summary of Revisions - https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/pupil-transportation/rules/

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