Weekly Newsletter - November 6, 2015

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Please share these updates with appropriate staff at your school.

NCDPI Office of Charter Schools Updates

Charter Schools Advisory Board (CSAB) Meeting

Attached below is the tentative agenda for the upcoming CSAB meeting. The CSAB committees will discuss policy changes that impact charter schools. The policies being discussed are also attached below or your review.

If you wish to provide feedback regarding these policies to the CSAB prior to its November meeting, please contact the NCDPI Office of Charter Schools at officeofcharterschools@dpi.nc.gov. If you wish to listen to the CSAB deliberations, you can access a livestream link to the meeting at Live Audio Streaming of the Advisory Board Meeting.

Attachments: CSAB November 16 - 17 Tentative Agenda

Performance Committee Review of TCS-U-016

Policy Committee Proposed Policy on Allotments

<u>Policy Committee Proposed Policy Regarding</u> Substantial Compliance

Office of Charter Schools



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Upcoming Events

November 16 - 17, 2015

Charter Schools Advisory Board Meeting

Important Announcement

EDDIE is the authoritative source for NC public school numbers and demographic information, and is used by multiple systems including; Accountability, PowerSchool, NC School Report Cards, and is used to meet federal reporting requirements.

LEAs and charter schools are responsible for ensuring data are complete, accurate, and current.

EDDIE is located at: http://apps.schools.nc.gov/eddie

Other NCDPI Updates

Dual Language/Immersion Administrator Seminar

Please see the attached Save the Date for the upcoming NC Dual Language/Immersion (DLI) Administrator Seminar in March.

Attachment: <u>DLI Seminar Save the Date</u>

NCDPI Finance Officers' Newsletter

Attachments: Finance Newsletter

Installment FY 14-15

2015 HUB Reporting Letter to Public Schools

NCDPI Web Highlights

Home Base Biweekly Update

October 30, 2015 NCDPI Web Highlights

Principals' Biweekly Message

Economically Disadvantaged Students (EDS) Data Collection

NCDPI is required by the 2001 NCLB Act to disaggregate student data by subgroups for federal reporting. NCDPI's School Nutrition Division gathers information for schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Charter schools that do not participate in the NSLP must self-report data as part of the EDS Data collection for NSLP Non-Participants in December and April of each school year.

If you do not participate in the NSLP please complete the attached information and submit to the NCDPI Division of Accountability Services by December 1, 2015. Contact your RAC with questions or concerns.

Attachment: FRL_Charter School_Letter_10302015

FRL Excel Spreadsheet Attach

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FRL_EDS_NonParticipatingCharterSchools

Update for Charter October LEP Headcounts

LEP "fix" has occurred in PowerSchool:

For Charter Schools, the LEP "Counts" tab will be updated to display data. After you have verified your numbers via the LEP roster (see attachment), you will be able to click on the "submit" button to validate the annual October LEP Headcount.

Attachment: <u>Headcount Procedures for Charters</u>

NC School Report Card (SRC) Data Preview Period Open

The Data Preview Period for the 2014-15 version of the NC School Report Card is now open. You may access the School Report Card test site using this link: NC Report Card Preview

We ask that you please **DO NOT RELEASE THIS URL TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF YOUR SCHOOLS.** This is a *test site* and <u>information and data are subject to change</u>. If you cannot view the SRC in your preferred browser, please use Chrome for the data preview.

<u>To submit a Data Question/Issue</u> during Data Preview, please contact the SRC Coordinator for your LEA or Charter School (for contact information see <u>SRC Contact List</u>). NCDPI will only accept questions from the SRC Coordinator.

<u>Please do not wait to submit all of your questions/corrections at the end of the review period</u>. Submit your questions as you encounter them. This review is for 2014-15 Report Cards data only. Questions/corrections will not be accepted for prior years' data.

<u>Please note also</u> that the NC Department of Public Instruction will not accept requests for corrections from schools that did not meet deadlines for submitting data at the local level or submitted it incorrectly.

2014-15 Data NOT Available During the Data Preview Period:

- NAEP
- Highly Qualified Teachers
- Teacher/Principal Effectiveness
- College Course Completion
- Digital Access and Library Media
- Snapshot and Welcome Letter

PDF printable versions of the School and District Report Cards (also called Snapshots) will be available for each School and District Report Card on December 1, when the site goes live to the public. A ZIP

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file containing PDFs for all of the schools in a district, plus the district's PDF, can be downloaded from the district Report Card.

We appreciate your commitment to the School Report Cards! Please contact Diane Dulaney at 919-807-3690 or diane.dulaney@dpi.nc.gov with questions.

School Activity Report (SAR) Collection Extension Deadline

The SAR collection for 2015-16 will be extended to **December 1, 2015**. The original deadline was set for November 13.

All schools will need to rerun their SAR after the November maintenance weekend (November 13 – 16) is complete to include the following updates in the SAR collection.

- 1. Updates to the PowerSchool software for the new Class Size report
- 2. Update to the SAR-25 exception to identify any invalid courses being used in the 2015/16 school year
- 3. Completion of populating EC data in PowerSchool from 3rd party vendors

The CECAS sync has completed. If you are still missing CECAS EC data, please contact the CECAS service desk at cecas.incidents@its.nc.gov.

If you have questions, please contact Sandra Johnson at sandra.johnson@dpi.nc.gov.

K – 2 Mathematics Webinar!

Join us for a webinar on K-2 Mathematics Assessments on Nov 10, 2015 at 3:30 PM.

During the webinar, we will discuss changes to the scoring rubric for the Mid-Year Assessment, frequently asked questions, and give examples of student work.

Register now by clicking on this link: November 10, 2015 K - 2 Mathematics Webinar

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Please contact Kitty Rutherford (<u>kitty.rutherford@dpi.nc.gov</u>) or Denise Schulz (<u>denise.schulz@dpi.nc.gov</u>) with questions or concerns.

Biogen Foundation Grant Opportunity – November 10, 2015 Deadline!!

ONE WEEK LEFT! **Biogen Foundation NC's Ignite the Power of STEM** grant program is open for one more week. There is \$125,000 available for public/charter schools and nonprofit organizations with

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innovative ideas for STEM education. The cycle will **close on Tuesday, November 10**. If your school or organization meets eligibility criteria, we encourage you to APPLY NOW!

Click Here for more information.

Home Base Biweekly Update

Last week's Home Base Biweekly Update can be found below (you may have to right click to open the links in a new tab or window or to copy the URL for the links embedded below) and at the following link: <u>Home Base 10/29/2015 Update</u>.

Please note that we will be upgrading Schoolnet to the latest version (17.0) beginning at 7:00pm on the evening of Friday, November 13. Attached you will find some additional information related to the changes in 17.0 and the complete release notes can be found at <u>Schoolnet Changes</u>.

Attachment: What's New in Schoolnet v17.0

NCDPI Exceptional Children's Updates

Medicaid Cost Recovery Update

Please see the attached regarding new calculations for Medicaid Cost Recovery. Please remember that if your LEA would like NCDPI to provide the report mentioned in the memo for the 2014-15 SY, send one request to <u>cecas.incidents@its.nc.gov</u> with the LEA number and request the *Medicaid Data Report* by **12/31/15**.

Contact information for questions is provided in the memo.

Attachment: Memo-Medicaid Cost Recovery Update

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