

NCDPI Office of Charter Schools

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Please share these updates with appropriate staff at your school.

NCDPI Office of Charter Schools Updates

Training Opportunity for New Board Members, School Leaders

Board members from charter schools that are opening in 2016 are required to attend five face-to-face planning year sessions from September to January. The school leader and some of the board members are also required to attend the New Charter School Leaders Institute in June.

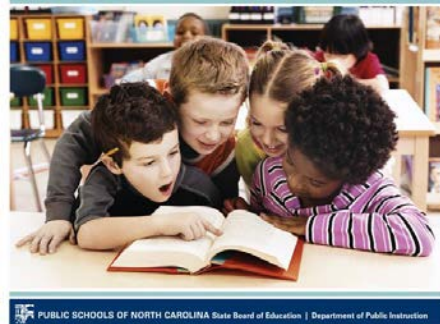
In order to provide opportunities for new school leaders at existing charter schools to benefit from this same training, the Office of Charter Schools is now opening up these sessions to all charter schools. If you have a new school leader and/or a new board member interested in attending any of the sessions, he or she must register to attend.

The next Planning Year session is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th. The topic is Meeting the Needs of All Students. Registration for this session ends on Sunday, December 6th.

Please register using this link - [Planning Year Registration Link](#)

Please direct questions to Kebbler Williams at
kebbler.williams@dpi.nc.gov

Office of Charter Schools



Upcoming Events

December 2 - 3, 2015

*State Board of Education
Meeting*

December 7 - 8, 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>

Lottery, Enrollment, and Wait List Information needed – please provide by November 30, 2015

From July – August 2015, the NCDPI Office of Charter Schools (OCS) conducted its annual survey on school lottery, enrollment, and wait list to fulfill data and information requests by the General Assembly. OCS received 75 responses to the survey. Our goal is to have information on 100% of charter schools, so OCS has reopened the brief survey which will close November 30, 2015. If you have already responded to survey, please disregard this request. If you have not yet responded, please complete the brief survey using this link: [Charter School Lottery, Enrollment, and Wait List Annual Survey](#).

Other NCDPI Updates

NCDPI Finance Officers' Newsletter

Attachments: [Finance Newsletter](#)

NCDPI Web Highlights

[Home Base Biweekly Update](#)

Attachments: [What's New in Schoolnet v17.0](#)

[Principals' Biweekly Message](#)

NC Homeless Education Program (NCHPEP) Data Collection Opening Soon!

The NCHPEP anticipates notification of the opening of homeless pages for McKinney-Vento data collection in PowerSchool sometime in the coming weeks.

Once the homeless pages are open:

- We will notify LEAs and charter schools via a listserv notice and posting to [NCHPEP Data Collection web page](#).
- A prerecorded online training presentation will be posted to the NCHPEP website for viewing by districts and charter schools.
- Directions will be provided within the presentation and the listserv announcement on how to submit any questions you may have after viewing the online training presentation.

The FAQ section of the [NCHPEP Data Collection web page](#) will be updated to reflect any changes in the handling of the 2015-2016 SY data collection.

NC School for the Deaf Advisory Council Meeting

The Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf will hold an Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held in Massey Lounge, Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, 1311 US Hwy 301 South, Wilson. For more information, please contact Carter Bearden at 252.237.2450.

November NCDPI Elementary Mathematics Updates

Attachments: [K - 5 Mathematics Updates](#)

Title I Distinguished Schools Press Release – *First NC Charter School winner ever!*

The National Title I Association has been selecting examples of superior Title I school programs for national recognition through the National Title I Distinguished Schools program since 1996. **Henderson Collegiate Charter School** is one of two (2) schools in NC that have recently been named Title I Distinguished Schools and is the first NC charter school to receive this designation!! The two winning Title I Distinguished Schools are to be commended for their outstanding commitment to ensuring that all students have an opportunity to achieve to high standards. These schools went through the Reward School methodology, which is one of the most rigorous reviews performed. When you visit the classrooms at each school, you will see dedicated teaching staffs that are committed to putting research into practice by integrating literacy and technology across the curriculum, using formative assessment, promoting parent and community involvement and using innovative instructional approaches that engage and motivate students. District 7 Elementary and Henderson Collegiate will serve as great models for other schools in the state that are seeking to improve their academic program and increase the achievement of all students.

Attachment: [Title I Distinguished Schools Press Release](#)

Projected ADM & Requests for Enrollment/Grade Expansion for 2016-17 – Due November 30!!

The Charter School ADM System (CSADM) is now open for all charter schools to enter enrollment projections and/or enrollment and grade expansion requests for the 2016-17 school year.

Please use your NCID to access the CSADM, and direct any questions about NCID to your NCID Administrator: www.ncid.its.state.nc.us/LEAListing.asp. If you have questions about the CSADM, please contact Angela Harrison, 919.807.3734 or angela.harrison@dpi.nc.gov.

Attachments: How to Subscribe to the CSADM Projection System
(pdf, 231kb) POSTED 11/25/14

Access the [CSADM Projection System](#)

[Enrollment and/or Grade Expansion Memo](#)

CEDARS Data Warehouse – Security Officers, User Access, and Upcoming Webinar

What is CEDARS Data Warehouse?

CEDARS (Common Education Data and Reporting System) contains a data warehouse (CDW) that serves as the NC's PreK-13 State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). The CDW is a centralized data repository containing statewide longitudinal data and reporting and analysis tools for accessing that data.

CEDARS supports the data sharing and reporting needs of DPI staff, school principals, and local administrators, state and federal policy and decision makers, researchers, and other consumers of educational data.

If you have questions regarding the CEDARS Data Warehouse or have trouble viewing the document, please contact terra.dominguez@dpi.nc.gov for assistance.

How do districts and charter schools access CEDARS?

All districts and charters must appoint at least one staff member to grant rights to the CEDARS Data Warehouse (CDW) at the local staff level. This colleague will assume the role of **Security Officer** as it applies to the CDW, will manage user accounts by approving requests, and ensure that access is limited to only those staff who are actively employed. Instructions for requesting this district level role and the accompanying expectations of a Security Officer are located at: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/cedars/reporting/registration/>

A contact list of all current CDW LEA Security Officers, as of September 1, 2015 has been posted on the CEDARS website (<http://dpi.state.nc.us/cedars/reporting/>). **Please visit the document to verify that the correct Security Officer is listed for your LEA.** As a reminder, in order for LEAs to access the CDW, a Security Officer must be in place. Please expect an updated contact list by December 1, 2015.

Why is this important now?

The NCDPI **Exceptional Children's Division** has developed several 'one-click' dashboard reports that are potential sources for the LEA self-assessment. Examples of reports include students with disabilities attendance data and EOG scores.

Want Training?

Representatives from both the CEDARS team and NCDPI Exceptional Children's Division will provide a **two hour webinar session** for:

- General user registration
- Security Officers' expectations
- LEAs and charter schools working through the Exceptional Children's Division LEA self-assessment.

The **webinars will be held December 8, 2015** from **9:00–11:00 am** and again from **1:30 -3:30 pm**.

To **register**, please use this [Link](#)

Charter Schools and Transportation Safety

Attached is a document to assist North Carolina charter schools with ensuring student safety when providing transportation in the following situations:

- Transporting students to and from school
- Transporting students to and from school-related activities

Please review the information and contact Derek Graham at derek.graham@dpi.nc.gov with questions or concerns.

Attachment: [Charter Schools Transportation Considerations November 2015](#)

Released Item Sets for Fall Semester 2015 NC Final Exams – Available Now!!

The NCDPI/Test Development Section has finalized a set of released items for each fall semester 2015 NC Final Exam (NCFE). Each NCFE received additional released items. All new released items for ELA, Math, and Science were added to the end. All new released items for Social Studies were added to the end of the multiple-choice section.

These released items are available to the public at [Common Exams Released items](#). Released items for NC Final Exams administered only at the end of the year (i.e., science grade 4, social studies grade 4, and social studies grade 5) will be posted in early 2016. Items cannot be selected for release until the spring test forms are finalized.

Please share this message with your schools. Questions may be directed to your Regional Accountability Coordinator (RAC). Contact information for the RACs is available at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/directory/racs>.

NCDPI Exceptional Children's Division (EC) Updates

December 2015 Periodic Child Count

Please see the attached submission schedule for the December Child Count. If you have any questions, please contact your regional CECAS trainer.

Attachment: [Memo-Child Count 1215](#)

December EC Directors' Webinar

EC Director Webinar - [Register Now!!](#)

The EC Division looks forward to continued collaboration during the December EC Directors' webinar. This webinar occurs several times. **Please register** for the date and time that works best for you.

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

[View System Requirements](#)

Please submit any question you want the Division to address during the December webinar to Tish Bynum at tish.bynum@dpi.nc.gov no later than November 23, 2015.

Opportunity for Graduate Studies that Lead to BK Initial and Advanced Licensure

UNC-Greensboro (UNCG) has two options for graduate-level professional development in Birth through Kindergarten, and is accepting applications between now and February 1, 2016.

The options are:

1. BK Initial Licensure Program

UNCG received a grant from the US Office of Special Education Programs, and has 10 slots available in the BK Initial Licensure Post Bachelors Certificate program in Fall 16. The program allows persons with an undergraduate degree in early childhood or a related field who do not have a BK license to complete courses and receive their initial BK license in three semesters. In addition, the courses students complete count toward requirements for a Master's degree, so students can receive the BK license and are half-way toward their Master's degree.

The grant provides funding to pay for all tuition costs plus a modest stipend to cover other costs. Classes meet at 5:00 to accommodate working students, and meet using computer technology so students do not need to be in Greensboro. Students do need to be able to participate in practical and student teaching experiences, but can do the field-based requirements wherever they live. The attached flyer provides additional information about the grant opportunity and how to apply. This is a particularly great opportunity for teacher assistants or perhaps community-based providers who do not have their license.

2. Masters of Education--Advanced Teaching License

UNCG also offers a Masters of Education program that prepares teachers for their Advanced BK Teaching License. The Masters is a two-year program and all courses are offered on-line in a synchronous format, which means classes meet over the computer in the evenings. This program is a great opportunity for teachers with a BK License who want to further their education and training in early childhood, and complete the requirements for an Advanced Teaching License.

Additional information about both of these opportunities for graduate studies is found at:

http://www.uncg.edu/hdf/graduates/BK_Graduate_Options.html

Applications are due on February 1, 2016 and can be submitted at the following web address:

<http://grs.uncg.edu/apply-online/>

For further information, contact Catherine Scott-Little at mcscottl@uncg.edu.

Attachment: [UNCG BK ILP 2015 Final](#)