

School Business – January 7, 2022

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Recent Posts: [COVID Funds](#) –

Schedule of COVID Funds January 6, 2022

COVID Allotment Policy Manual January 7, 2022

State Board of Education Action

At its January meeting the SBE approved the following State allotment policies

PRC062	Small County & Low Wealth Signing Bonus
PRC081	Transportation Reserve Fund for Homeless and Foster Children
PRC039	School Safety Grants (see item below)
PRC088	Feminine Hygiene Products Grant
PRC071	Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation
PRC022	Advanced Teaching Roles (modifications approved)
PRC036	Charter Schools (modifications made for transportation reimbursement grant)

The approved policies can be found on our [website](#) under New Allotment Policies.

In addition, the SBE also approved ESSER III and State Fiscal Recovery Funds, please refer to the [COVID policy](#).

PRC 202 – COVID-19 Student Enrollment Increase

This week the State Board of Education approved the allotment policy for PRC 202 – COVID-19 Student Enrollment Increase, which was authorized from the ESSER III 10% State Set-Aside in the State Budget passed in November. This program is to provide funding in the amount of \$600 per month for each student enrolled in a local school administrative unit or charter school above the number of students accounted for by the Department in the funded average daily membership for the unit or school for the 2020-21 school year. While the application for this program is still in development and likely will not be available until mid-February, School Business will publish the planning allotments for this PRC by the end of next week (1/14) on the [COVID funds page](#) on our website (within the Expenditure and Allotments Data). We will also post on that page a copy of the application template that is currently in development to allow units with planning allotments to begin planning their grant applications. The chart of accounts for this PRC will reflect the chart of accounts for PRC 036 (Charter Schools), with any additional codes evaluated for addition upon request.

If you have any questions about PRC 202, please contact Catherine Clark (Catherine.Clark@dpi.nc.gov).

Best 1 of 2 ADM for FY2022

The Best 1 of 2 will be posted on the website, Student Accounting Data, Best 1 of 2 Average Daily Membership (ADM) by Wednesday of next week. We anticipate this data being available in LicSal for Principal salary calculations by Thursday or Friday of next week.

State Bonus PRC Update

The AP/IB and CTE bonuses will need to be paid in **PRC 048** along with the Principal Bonus, NOT PRC 046. This will align the STATE Bonuses with the current allotment policies and where these were paid in prior years, We have updated the Bonus Chart to reflect that change.

The list of the CTE Teachers who qualify were sent to the PSUs via the secure shell. For the AP/IB/AICE teachers your PSU Program coordinators will have access to the teachers who are eligible.

IRS Travel Rate Update

The IRS standard mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service is 58.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2022.

Please review the [Memorandum](#) from State Budget Director Charles Perusse regarding Change in IRS Mileage Rates Effective January 1, 2022.

From the School Planning Section

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Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund - GRANT APPLICATION

NBPSCF application materials are now available. The application deadline is **Tuesday, March 15, 2022**. Full program details are available on the DPI website at: www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/school-planning.

For more information, please contact Nathan Maune (School Planning Section Chief) at: nathan.maune@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Exceptional Children Division

Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

The MOE Expenditure Table was due by October 31, 2021, for PSUs with approved IDEA grants. The MOE Expenditure Table is a federal requirement, and the grant will remain open for late submission. If you were unable to attend the MOE training or if you need a refresher, the recording, along with the PowerPoint, are available on the Exceptional

Children website [here](#) and on the NC CCIP Home Page. If you have questions, please contact your fiscal monitor.

Special Grants

Special grants, with the status of Chief Administrator Approved, are reviewed monthly after the 15th. Notification of review is made through NC CCIP. For your review, the Special Grants Training recording, along with the PowerPoint are available on the EC Website [here](#) under the Special Grants section.

IDEA/ American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)

The American Rescue Plan funds have been allotted under the following Program Report Codes. The budgets will be submitted the same way as the IDEA budgets. A new application is not required.

- **PRC 185 IDEA/American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Basic – 611**
The funds will align with the IDEA Section 611 Use of Funds. If the funds are budgeted for items not currently in the Section 611 Use of Funds, the Use of Funds must be revised.
- **PRC 186 IDEA/American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Preschool – 619**
The funds will align with the IDEA Section 619 Use of Funds. If the funds are budgeted for items not currently in the Section 619 Use of Funds, the Use of Funds must be revised.
- **PRC 187 IDEA/American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) CEIS**
For PSUs with mandatory CEIS, the funds will align with the CEIS Use of Funds. If the funds are budgeted for items not currently in the CEIS Use of Funds, the Use of Funds must be revised.
- Allotments can be seen on the allotment page of the IDEA Grant in CCIP.
- Budgets are submitted through each PSU's budgeting system and will be pulled into CCIP.
- Directors/Coordinators can view the budgets once submitted by clicking on the budget link on the IDEA Grant Sections page.
- The funds can be utilized on any IDEA allowable expense. The Chart of Accounts now contains the allowable budget codes for PRC 185, 186 & 187. It can be found here: www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/school-district-finance-operations/chart-accounts
- If the budget aligns with the current Section 611/619 and or CEIS Use of Funds, the IDEA Grant does not need to be revised.
- If the budget includes line items not currently in the Section 611/619 or CEIS Use of Funds, the IDEA Grant must be revised to include the new line items. Designate in the Use of Funds that the revision items are for PRC 185/186/187.
 - Example: Current Use of Funds does not include funds for professional development. Add to the Use of Funds: Revision for PRC 185: Professional Development Workshop Expenses.

- After the IDEA Grant and all related budgets are approved, SPD notifies NCDPI School Business. SPD does not allot the funds or know when the funds will be allotted.

From the Center for Safer Schools

- The Center for Safer Schools announced in December that state funding was appropriated by the General Assembly to the School Safety Grant program. In order to expedite the funding process and allow enough time for LEA/PSUs to submit quality grant requests, the grant will be administered in two phases.
- Phase one: This phase was designed to allow enough time to draft an application for the grants to submit through CCIP. Being able to access this before CCIP opened should have awarded ample time to create a detailed, thorough grant request and enough time to complete the required supporting documentation.
- Phase two: Begins 7 January 2022 and will remain open until 19 January 2022. CCIP will be open and you will be able to cut and paste the information you gathered in Phase One to your application. This grant is for School Equipment, Services for Students in Crisis, and Training to Increase School Safety. This is NOT the SRO grant, you should have already received that funding.
- If you have any questions or concerns please email schoolsafetygrants@dpi.nc.gov for a response.

Reminders

State Fiscal Recovery Fund Bonus Template due **January 14, 2022**

Details are in the December 29, 2021 newsletter *

ABC Transfer Requests are due **January 14, 2022**

Details are in the December 29, 2021 newsletter *

Restart Transfer Requests are due **January 31, 2022**

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Recent Posts:

Bonus Grid January 11, 2022

[COVID Funds](#) - **Expenditure and Allotments Data** spreadsheet as of December 31, 2021

From the Center for Safer Schools

The Safer Schools Grants went live in CCIP on January 7, 2022 and will close on **January 19, 2022** at 11:59 PM. To submit a grant for review and consideration the application must be submitted with the required documentation uploaded no later than the close date and must be Chief Administrative Approved. This grant is for School Equipment, Services for Students in Crisis, and Training to Increase School Safety. This is NOT the SRO grant.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email schoolsafetygrants@dpi.nc.gov as it is monitored for more timely responses.

From the Insurance Section

Thank you for all of your efforts in completing the 2021 year-end unemployment worksheets. If you have not yet sent your worksheets and information, please communicate with eileen.townsend@dpi.nc.gov and advise when your paperwork will be sent. Additionally, if you have not sent your final unemployment payments for school nutrition, local and federal please mail your check(s) to:

NC Department Public Instruction

Cash Collections

6336 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-6336

From the School Planning Section

Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund - INFORMATION SESSION

DPI School Planning will hold an online **NBPSCF Information Session** at 10:00am on **Thursday, January 20, 2022**. Follow this [link](#) to join the meeting.

For more information on the NBPSCF grant program, please contact Nathan Maune (School Planning Section Chief) at: nathan.maune@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Exceptional Children Division

Review the grant information sent in [last week's newsletter](#) regarding Maintenance of Effort, Special Grants, and IDEA/ American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP).

Note: **American Rescue Plan budgets should be submitted as soon as possible.**

Reminders

State Fiscal Recovery Fund Bonus Template – CHARTER SCHOOLS ONLY due **TODAY, January 14, 2022**

Details are in the December 29, 2021 newsletter *

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- **FAQ Pertaining to Compensation Items in SL 2021-180 for Charter, Regional, and Lab Schools** January 19, 2022
 - **Advanced Course Teacher Legislated Bonuses FAQ** January 20, 2022
 - **Industry Certifications and Credentials Teacher Bonuses FAQ** January 19, 2022
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Small County/Low Wealth Signing Bonus for Teachers – PRC 062

If you are an LEA that receives Small County (PRC 019) and/or Low-Wealth funding (PRC 031) you may be entitled to additional funds appropriated in [Session Law 2021-180](#) (Section 7A.5). The [Allotment Policy](#) was adopted by the State Board of Education in January and was posted to our website earlier this month.

To prepare the allotment we require all eligible LEAs to complete the following survey: https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bdZ0b3rYOWqZCPI

We have also attached a [copy of the draft survey](#) so you know the 4 questions being asked and can prepare your response ahead of time.

The survey will ask your intent to participate in this program and the other pertinent information we need to prepare your allocations. This program does require matching local funds. It also has additional stipulations in section 7A.5(c) that you should pay close attention to. **Please complete this survey even if you do not intend to participate in this program.**

If you have any questions related to filling out this survey please contact [Michael Ray](#).

This survey will close on February 18, 2022 after which we will prepare the allotments based on the applications and within the budgeted funds provided. Our goal is to have these allocations out to the participating LEAs by the end of February.

Current Year (Company 1000) Allotment Overdraft Report – Update - LEAs only

We will be issuing the first allotment overdraft report after the January 2022 datafile. Due to the late passage of the budget, all penalties will be waived until March 31st. Between now and that time, please do the following:

- Review the allotment overdraft report along with the State Allotment Balance Reconciliation Report (JHA351EG).
- Complete all ABC transfers
- Complete all Restart transfers (due January 31st)

We understand that with the complexities and the timing of the budget, LEAs need until March to get their budget revisions aligned, and transfers completed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Roxane Bernard at roxane.bernard@dpi.nc.gov.

Update on Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation (PRC 071)

School Allotments are currently finalizing the calculations for PRC 071 for FY 2022, including the final allotment amounts and per-teacher supplement amounts for eligible PSUs. Next week School Business will publish on the FBS website both the allotment information and a guidance document for administering the funds.

If after the information is available, you have any questions about your unit's allotment, per-teacher maximum, or the guidance document, please contact John Keefer (John.Keefer@dpi.nc.gov, (984) 236-2453).

From the School Planning Section

Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund - INFORMATION SESSION

DPI School Planning will hold another online **NBPSCF Information Session** at 10:00am on **Thursday, January 27, 2022**. Follow this [link](#) to join the meeting.

For more information on the NBPSCF grant program, please contact Nathan Maune (School Planning Section Chief) at: nathan.maune@dpi.nc.gov.

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School Mental Health Support Personnel – Local Report (HB75 Part V) - LEAs only

The Division of School Business posted an excel file based on December 2021 pay period data under What's New: www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services.

LEAs can use this report to comply with [HB75 Part V](#).

Note: The report excludes CDC in category School Counselor (Purpose Code 5830 and Object Code 131). These employees should not be reported in the Mental Health Support Personnel – Local Report.

As a reminder – per the legislation, each LEA superintendent shall report the following information to their local board of education no later than **February 15** of each year:

1. The total number of each category of school mental health support personnel employed in the unit.
2. The difference from the previous school year in the total number of each category of school mental health personnel employed in the unit.

Reminders on ESSER Funded Construction Projects

Covid Relief Monies can be used for construction, renovation, repairing and improving school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.

As Public School Units begin to use these funds for projects, please remember to review and apply procurement and project related [Uniform Guidance](#) (UG), [EDGAR](#) and State procurement laws (for LEAs) and Capital Project Submittal and Review requirements. As a reminder, guidance related to the federal requirements and project submittal and review requirements can be found on the DPI COVID Fund page: [Federal Requirements for Federally Funded Construction Activity Guide](#).

Some of the construction requirements from the EDGAR regulations noted in the guidance state the grantee must:

- Have title or other interest in the site, including right of access, that is sufficient to ensure that the grantee will have use and possession of the facility for 50 years or the useful life of the facility, whichever is longer;
- Consider the probable effects of proposed construction on any district, site, building, or structure that is included or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places;

- Ensure the construction is functional, economical, and not elaborate in design or extravagant in the use of materials as compared to other facilities in the State or other applicable geographic area;
- Ensure plans and designs for the facilities comply with applicable Federal, State and local health and safety standards, as well as Federal requirements regarding access by persons with disabilities;
- Ensure the grantee has sufficient operational funds to operate and maintain the facility once the construction is complete; and
- HVAC work must be in accordance with the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

Please review the guidance for additional requirements. We will be discussing this topic at the NCASBO conference and will plan a future webinar as well.

If any questions, please contact [Shirley McFadden](#).

Finance Officer CPE (Continuing Professional Education) Credits

School Business sent the LEA School Finance Officers their current CPE credit status as it relates to the SBE requirements for 24 hours of CPE. Please review and take the appropriate action needed to bring your CPE in alignment with those requirements.

Attached is the full [SBE Policy governing the certification requirements](#) for an LEA School Finance Officer.

Please contact [Doris McCain](#) if you have any questions.

Action Item Due Next Week – Charter Schools only

[CSADM](#) Phase I - January 28 – **February 4**.

Contact systems_accounting@dpi.nc.gov for more information.

PRC 071 Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation – Timeline Update

Due to the need to make a few minor adjustments to the initial calculations for PRC 071, the guidance document and allotment amounts will not be available on the School Business website today. Instead, the guidance document and allotment amounts will be available on Tuesday, February 1st. The information will be posted under “What’s New” on the Finance and Business Services homepage.

If you have any questions, please contact John Keefer (John.Keefer@dpi.nc.gov).

From the Center for Safer Schools

We have more possible funding and are extending the deadline to **4 February** for those who were unable to submit the grant up to Chief Administrator Approved level in CCIP. Please make sure that your application is submitted through CCIP to Chief Administrator

Approved level before the close date. First consideration will be given to those applications that were submitted and met the original deadline.

Please email schoolsafetygrants@dpi.nc.gov with any questions or concerns.

February PSBCF and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests

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State Capital & Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) Directs Grants – Local PRC 440 designated

As part of the Appropriations Bill, some LEAs will receive direct grants from OSBM for Athletic Facility repair and renovation. Other LEAs will be eligible to receive a distribution pending SBE approval. The Division of School Business has designated Local PRC440 to account for these grants.

Questions may be directed to the School Planning Section.

From the Exception Children Division

See attached – [From ECD](#) and [SY22 PRC 119 Preschool Memo](#).

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PRC 071 Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation

[COVID Funds](#)

- **Schedule of COVID Funds** February 3, 2022
- **COVID Allotment Policy Manual** February 3, 2022

Instructional Support Personnel Report (Survey) – for LEAs only. Charter Schools, Non Units, Lab and Regional Schools and ISD do NOT need to submit.

[Attached](#) and posted under [What's New](#) is a **mandatory survey** required in the budget bill this year **SL2021-180 Section 7.10** related to capturing Instructional Support type positions from the LEAs. There is not a lot of turnaround time for getting this completed so that we can provide the results to the General Assembly so this must be returned by **February 18th**. We wanted to give you time to implement the salary related items first.

Please review this workbook carefully. The workbook contains the statute, instructions for completing the workbook, and the tabs that need to be completed to capture this data. The statute is requiring the data to be disaggregated by Fund and PRC. Your point of contact for any questions as you complete the survey is [Corey Terry](#) in the Reporting Section.

Please route this survey to the appropriate personnel at your LEA to expedite this process. Thank you for your time and attention to providing this data for the General Assembly.

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Recent Post: [State Initial Allotment Formulas FY2021-22](#)

Virtual Schools – Reminder of SB654

Based on the current legislation any virtual schools that were applied for or issued a number after May 1, 2021 are not eligible to continue beyond June 30, 2022. This would include any new requests for a virtual school. See this excerpt below:

[Link S654v7.pdf](#) (ncleg.gov)

Part IIIB. Planned Virtual Instruction Section 3B.(c) says:

No public school unit shall use virtual instruction to satisfy the minimum required number of instructional days or hours after June 30, 2022, without express authorization from the General Assembly, except for local school administrative units that were assigned a school code to operate a school with virtual instruction as the primary means of instruction as of May 1, 2021.

Part of this same legislation (Part III C) instructs the department to provide a report to the General Assembly on virtual academies which could result in future legislation. The work on this study is currently in progress.

School Business Services will send separate correspondence to those LEAs who have schools that are currently in operation or are scheduled to open next year and that do not meet this legislative mandate.

Please recognize that this is a legislative mandate and not at the discretion of NCDPI to provide an exemption. Therefore, DPI does not have the authority to provide a waiver or exemption from the law.

Please plan accordingly for FY 2022-2023 school year.

LICENSURE Salary Adjustments for Pay Periods 01 thru 06 – LEAs only

Salary adjustments resulting from the processing of Licensure applications, that impact prior periods, should be coded to the salary budget code for pay periods 01 thru 06. These adjustments, in effect, are correcting salaries based on the FY 2021-2022 Continuation Salary Schedule.

For example, a teacher with a bachelor's degree and 07 years of experience has a certified salary of \$4,100. However, the teacher has an application in Licensure

that, once processed, will change years of experience to 08. Therefore, once Licensure processes the application, the teacher's salary will certify at \$4,200.

Follow your normal retro-process for these licensure adjustments.

For the legislative retroactive adjustments due to the salary scale increase please follow the original FAQ as summarized below:

For Certified personnel, including School Administrators: All retroactive salary bonus payments should be coded to object code 129 and the purpose code used for their regular salary.

For All other staff: All retroactive salary bonus payments should be coded to their regular salary object code and NOT a bonus code.

If there are questions, please send them to gwendolyn.tucker@dpi.nc.gov.

UERS Payroll Compliance Errors- LEAs only

Due to the retro salary bonus payments, DPI will ignore UERS Payroll Compliance Errors for Pay Period 07. Therefore, LEAs making the retro salary bonus payments in other pay periods must notify Icilma Burroughs at icilma.burroughs@dpi.nc.gov to have their Payroll Compliance Errors ignored for that pay period.

Note: LEAs are required to clear the Salary Audit Exceptions in LicSal.

Feminine Hygiene Grants (PRC 088)

School Allotments will be allotting funds for the Feminine Hygiene Grant Program via PRC 088 in Revision 37. If your unit received funds under this program, you will be able to access the funds by the beginning of next week at the latest. For information pertaining to this allotment, please review the [Allotment Policy](#) in the State Allotment Policy Manual on our website. For any questions regarding the use of the funds or the grant process, please contact Lillian Pinto, Reproductive Health Consultant, Division of Academic Standards (Lillian.Pinto@dpi.nc.gov).

Financial & Business Services is Hiring!

We have some wonderful job opportunities for those looking to be part of a dynamic finance and systems support team. See below for current postings but we have new positions being created as well as some time-limited positions to help with ESSER program. Please reach out if interested, we'd love to hear from you.

[Job Opportunities](#) | [Departments: Dept of Public Instruction](#) | [Job categories: Accounting and Finance](#) | [Sorted by Job Title ascending](#) | [Careers \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

From the School Insurance Section

2021 Unemployment Taxes

If you haven't sent your 2021 year end unemployment taxes, please mail your check(s) to:

NC Department Public Instruction Cash Collections
6336 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-6336

An outstanding balance of \$158,884 remains, and DPI is requesting unemployment payment(s) from your federal, local and child nutrition funds as soon as possible.

Contact Eileen Townsend at eileen.townsend@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions or are unsure of your amount due.

From the School Planning Section

Athletic Facility Repair & Renovation Grants – Local PRC 440

The SBE has approved a new Allotment Policy governing the administration and distribution of \$12,624,000 in K-12 Athletic Facility Repair & Renovation grants from the State Capital Infrastructure Fund (SCIF). The 99 LEAs not receiving direct grants from OSBM under this program, will receive a grant from DPI. The DPI base grant amount is established at \$100,000 per LEA, with the remaining grant funds allotted per-ADM. A list of grant recipients and grant amounts is located on the School Planning website under SCIF Athletic Facility Grants, on the [Capital Funding](#) page. By law, each LEA accepting a grant must meet several specific compliance and reporting requirements, including completion of an agreement with DPI. Agreement forms and additional details are available from DPI School Planning.

LEA grant administrators should contact Teri Williams in DPI School Planning to initiate the process: teri.williams@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Exceptional Children Division

Grant Information

- Special Grants

Special grants, with the status of Chief Administrator Approved, are reviewed monthly after the 15th. (If the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, the review will start of the next business day after the 15th). Notification of review is made through NC CCIP. For your review, the Special Grants Training recording, along with the PowerPoint are available on the EC Website [here](#) under the Special Grants section.

- IDEA/ American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)

American Rescue Plan budgets should be submitted as soon as possible.

The American Rescue Plan funds have been allotted under the following Program Report Codes. The budgets will be submitted the same way as the IDEA budgets. A new application is not required.

PRC 185 and PRC 186 Budgets and Allotments

At the current time, those with approved budgets for PRC 185 and PRC 186 have been allotted 75% of their total funds. The additional 25% will be included in a futures allotment. PSUs do not need to make a change in the approved budget. When the additional 25% is allotted, the budget will be reviewed for alignment with the final allotment.

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DEADLINES NEXT WEEK:

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PRC 016 Summer Reading Camps Timeline Reminder

School Business has received several questions this week related to the timeline for the allotment of the PRC 016 Summer Reading Camps funds for FY 2022. As a reminder, those funds are not typically allotted until late March/early April at the earliest, and School Allotments will be following that timeline for PRC 016 for this year as well. School Allotments will provide more information around the timeline for allotting those funds once we are able to do so.

Federally Funded Construction Presentation and Synopsis

DPI presented at the annual NCASBO conference on the topic of Federal Requirements for Construction Projects. The presentation covered requirements such as NCGS, Uniform Guidance and Education Department General Administrative Requirements (EDGAR) laws that must be met to ensure compliance and the allowability of the associated expenditures. We also provided a synopsis of the presentation and regulations.

The presentation, synopsis, and a document that identifies the applicable Uniform Guidance and EDGAR laws and responsibilities related to federally funded construction can be found on [Fiscal Guidance | NC DPI](#).

From the Exceptional Children Division

PRC 049 Budgets and Allotments Update

The PRC049 allotment has been uploaded by NCDPI Financial and Business Services into NCCCIP. The NCDPI official allotment may have resulted in an increase or decrease from the initial planning allotment amount and therefore requires a budget revision. Planning Allotments are tentative allocation of federal funds to PSUs to provide information for budgeting purposes. Any questions regarding this fluctuation should be directed to Financial and Business Services. The LEA EC Director and Finance Officer should collaborate and complete a PRC049 budget amendment to appropriately bring the NC DPI Finance and LEA Budget into alignment. Please ensure the PRC049 Budget and IDEA Section 619 "Use of Funds" remain aligned as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Keashia Walker at Keashia.Walker@dpi.nc.gov.

From the State Health Plan

Premiums for Employees

LEAs - ensure you are deducting the appropriate State Health Plan premiums for employees who are responsible for paying 100% or 50%.

Instead of raising premiums for the employers and employees, the Plan only updated the employer premiums. The employee premiums remained the same. We communicated this change via an HBR Alert on December 2nd

www.shpnc.org/media/2652/download?attachment.

Read this HBR Alert and to contact the Plan if you have questions. Email questions to the experts at HBRInquiry@nctreasurer.com. They can answer any questions you have about how this works from a premium billing standpoint.

Reminders

DEADLINES TODAY:

Small County/Low Wealth Signing Bonus for Teachers – PRC 062 survey is due **February 18, 2022**

Details are in the January 21, 2022 newsletter *

Instructional Support Personnel Report (Survey) is due **February 18, 2022**

Details are in the February 4, 2022 newsletter *

DEADLINE NEXT WEEK:

PSBCF and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests are due **February 22, 2022**

Details are in the January 28, 2022 newsletter *

Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund - Grant Application is due **March 15, 2022**

Details are in the January 7, 2022 newsletter *

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School Business – February 25, 2022

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ESSER II and III Allotment Adjustments for 2021-22 New and Growing Charter Schools

As mentioned in previous School Business Newsletters and Webinars, School Business has been in the process of completing the Federally required adjustments for the ESSER II (PRC 171) and ESSER III (PRC 181) allotments to account for new and significantly expanding charter schools during the 2021-22 school year. As with the standard Federal programs which have a similar requirement, the recalculation of the PRC 171 and PRC 181 allotments to account for the new and growing charters may have resulted in a decrease in a public school unit's previous PRC 171 and 181 allotments. School Business had reserved a portion of funding from both grants at the time of the initial allotments in an attempt to minimize the scope of the reductions experienced by public school units through the new and growing charter adjustment. However, the reserves were not sufficient to cover the full scope of the additional allotments required for new and growing charters, so some units still experienced reductions from the adjustments. We apologize for any confusion, but at this time the adjustments are complete. We do not anticipate that there will be any further reductions to any unit's PRC 171 or 181 allotments.

If you have questions about your PRC 171 or 181 allotments, please contact Catherine Clark, COVID Budget Analyst, at Catherine.Clark@dpi.nc.gov.

2022-2023 Instructional School Start and End Dates - LEAs only

G.S. 115C-84.2(a2) specifies that a report on the start and end dates of the instructional calendar for students for the next academic year be provided to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of education by April 1 of each year. To make this deadline, the start and end dates of the instructional calendar for students for each school must be in PowerSchool **before April 1**.

A report of the 2022-2023 school start and end dates will be shared with PSUs for verification and to identify the statutory exception authorizing an earlier start date for schools with a start date earlier than August 29, 2022.

If you have questions, please contact LaShon Creech at lashon.creech@dpi.nc.gov.

Federal PRC 192 – ARP-ESSER III-Cyberbullying & Suicide Prevention Grants

Per the Allotment Policy manual for federal PRC 192 the account codes are for contract services (311) only.

If you have questions, please contact Roxane Bernard at roxane.bernard@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Exceptional Children Division

North Carolina State Improvement Grant (PRC 082)

PSU's who applied for the NCSIP grant have been notified of the amount of funds that they will receive. The PSU will be required to complete an implementation plan prior to budgeting their funds. PSU's who have not expended **all their carryover for the 20-21 no-cost extension school year will not receive their new allotment of funds until this has been done.**

IDEA/ American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)

All budgets for PRC 185, PRC 186, and PRC 187 ARP funds must be submitted by COB **March 4, 2022.**

Special Grants

The last day to submit all applications for special grant is by COB **May 16, 2022.**

If you have questions, contact Nicole Sinclair, EC Section Chief for Special Programs and Data, at nicole.sinclair@dpi.nc.gov.

From the School Planning Section

Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund (PSBRRF)

School Planning anticipates that funding from the new Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund (PSBRRF) will become available in late March. We will announce availability and procedures soon on our web page: www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/school-planning

The program provides each county with \$300,000 in PSBRRF funds in FY21-22, and \$500,000 in FY22-23. These funds will be administered in the same way as the annual PSBCF lottery capital program.

Questions about this new program can be directed to Dennis Hilton, PE, via email: dennis.hilton@dpi.nc.gov.

Salary Analyst Vacancy

Darlene Anderson's last day is March 1st and we wish her well in her next endeavor. The position will be filled starting March 7th, but in the short interim while both salary analyst positions are vacant please continue to email salary@dpi.nc.gov. If you need to speak with an individual directly, please call Corey Terry at 984.236.2476. We appreciate your patience while we get our new recruit trained to support you.

Retirement

After 32 years at NC DPI in Financial and Business Services, Lydia Prude is retiring from the Section Chief of School Allotments. Lydia has dedicated her career to supporting public schools and specifically, the finance personnel in the public school units. We have all relied upon her dependability and expertise, and the following note written by a LEA finance personnel reflects the sentiments of so many of you.

"Lydia has been a constant at NCDPI that we can count on for honest answers, quick turnaround and she is always responsive. I really appreciate her steady calm demeanor. I appreciate her answering questions for us again and again with patience and kindness. I know her job has always been difficult and stressful, some years more than others. I believe she believes in her work and in public education and I admire that. She will be missed".

Interim School Allotments Section Chief

Sue Holly has been named Interim School Allotments Section Chief. An open recruitment will be held to fill the position.

Reminders

Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund - Grant Application is due **March 15, 2022**
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School Business – March 4, 2022

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- **Schedule of COVID Funds** March 3, 2022
- **COVID Allotment Policy Manual** March 3, 2022

Clarification of 190 series Object Codes and Purpose Combinations

Please make sure that you are using the appropriate PURPOSE code with the correct 190 series object codes related to Extra Duty Pay. It is important for reporting, to know the who and what areas are incurring these costs, especially with the efforts being put forth due to the pandemic and all that entails. Your expenditure data is looked at by many organizations and governmental entities.

Example is that the 5350-purpose code is for the outside of the school day instructional programs. We know that we have staff who receive extra duty for working on creating curriculum for their instructional areas or professional development work in different areas. That extra duty pay would be coded to match the curriculum area such as 5120 for CTE or 5260 for AIG, etc. They are working on that work beyond the instructional day but not as part of a defined after-school program for example. There may have been some confusion related to that previously.

Guidance for Summer Learning - PRC 085

The Finance Division and the Office of Early Learning have worked collaboratively to provide the following [FAQ](#) to assist in your planning and use of PRC 085. See [attachment](#).

If you have any additional questions, please let us know. [Tonia Parrish](#), Section Chief, Read to Achieve

FBS Website Update

There is now a link to our newsletters on the [FBS homepage](#), just above What's New. The Bonus/Salary FAQs for 2021-22 have been moved to [Compensation-Guidance](#).

Reminders

Budgets for PRC 185, PRC 186, and PRC 187 ARP funds due **TODAY, March 4, 2022**

Details are in the February 25, 2022 newsletter *

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Instructional School Start and End Dates for 22-23 due in PowerSchool by **April 1, 2022**

Details are in the February 25, 2022 newsletter *

Applications for EC special grant are due **May 16, 2022**

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- **School Business Systems Information for New Finance Officers and Staff**
- **NCDPI School Business Systems Modernization (SBSM) Survey**
Responses are due **March 21, 2022**.
- **Teacher Compensation Guidance for Read to Achieve Summer Reading Camps**

Change to Monthly Federal Allotments from March through June 2022

Federal grant allotments will be processed once per month from March through June 2022. During this time, you may experience an extended delay between the time a funding application is approved by a program division and the time the allotment is available. School Allotments will ensure that the monthly allotment is processed prior to the final cash request date on the DPI Cash Calendar each month.

PRC 110 – 21st Century Community Learning Centers, second and third installment allotments will continue to be processed 7-10 business days after the receipt of an application approval from Federal Programs.

New ESSER III PRCs, from SL2021-180, Section 7.27, will be allotted by PRC and only after all applications have been processed by the program division responsible for that PRC.

After July 1, 2022, School Allotments will return to its normal processing timelines for Federal grant allotments (7-10 business days after approval).

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions about the timeline for any allotments, please contact Sue Holly, Interim Section Chief for School Allotments (Susan.Holly@dpi.nc.gov).

2022-2023 Instructional School Start and End Dates - LEAs only

G.S. 115C-84.2(a2) specifies that a report on the start and end dates of the instructional calendar for students for the next academic year be provided to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of education by April 1 of each year. To make this deadline, the **start and end dates of the instructional calendar for students for each school must be in PowerSchool before April 1**.

A report of the 2022-2023 school start and end dates will be shared with PSUs for verification and to identify the statutory exception authorizing an earlier start date for schools with a start date earlier than August 29, 2022.

Reminder: It has come to our attention that districts may have or be planning to adopt calendars not compliant with the calendar law. Pursuant to G.S. 115C-84.2(a)(d) the opening date for students shall be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and the closing date for students shall be not later than the Friday closest to June 11. Unless the district has received an [approved calendar waiver](#) for the 2022-2023 school year, the start date should be no earlier than August 29, 2022 and the end date should be no later than June 9, 2023.

Contact: studentaccounting@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Exceptional Children Division

IDEA/ American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)

American Rescue Plan budgets should be submitted as soon as possible. The American Rescue Plan funds have been allotted under the following Program Report Codes. The budgets will be submitted the same way as the IDEA budgets. A new application is not required.

- Revisions to CARES Act-ESSERF-Exceptional Children Grant (PRC 167)
When a revision is made to the CARES Act-ESSERF-Exceptional Children Grant PRC 167 budget, the grant narrative Use of Funds must align with the budget. If a Use of Funds revision is needed, it must be made in the 2021 CARES Act-ESSERF-Exceptional Children Grant application. The PSU can start a revision after the grant has been approved and make any changes necessary for the alignment of the Use of Funds and the budget. The grant revision and the budget revision will be reviewed by the fiscal consultant after submission of the revision. The revision cannot be indicated in the history log of the grant application.
- PRC 185 and PRC 186 Budgets and Allotments Update
The full allotments for PRC 185 and PRC 186 have been released by NCDPI School Business. PSUs should check for discrepancies between the initial planning allotment and the actual allotment. Submitted budgets should be adjusted at this time based on the actual allotment.

Contact: [Nicole Sinclair](#), Section Chief for Special Programs and Data, Exceptional Children

From the School Planning Section

School Planning Design Reviews

DPI's School Planning Section is experiencing an historically high volume of capital project design review submissions. Since the start of 2022, the normal 2-to-4-week turnaround time for Architectural and Engineering reviews has grown to approximately 4-to-6-weeks. With 134 projects currently under review, PSUs and their Design Teams are reminded to make timely project review submittals and include adequate review periods when developing project schedules. Review submittal forms and additional information is available at the School Planning website: www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/school-planning

Contact: [Nathan Maune](#), Section Chief, School Planning Section, District Operations Division

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Survey to finalize PRC 203 shortfall and PRC 141 – All PSUs

Please complete this short survey so we can finalize the potential shortfall of PRC 203 funding for the ESSER III Bonus. We also need some supporting information to confirm the PRC 141 (State Fiscal Recovery Bonus) expenditures. Technology also has a quick question they need information for to respond to a General Assembly request.

- Survey Link: https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ThgeSnKIPmanS6
- [Copy to preview](#)

We need responses by Wed, **March 23rd**. Thank you so much and we appreciate your quick turnaround with this. Contact Catherine.Clark@dpi.nc.gov in School Business with any specific questions.

Allotment Section

The FY22 Non-Supplant documents are available at www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/allotments-funding-public-school-units/allotment-support-documentation#low-wealth. These documents are provided to assist you in planning for fiscal year 2022-23. It is important to note that data used to determine eligibility for Low-Wealth Supplemental funding is volatile and the county rankings change from year to year. The level of funding can vary. Many of these factors are not controllable at the LEA level and relate to events occurring across the state. Eligibility for Low-Wealth Supplemental funding is determined by a number of factors that are collected from other state agencies and the federal government.

Contact: Sue Holly, Interim Section Chief, at Susan.Holly@dpi.nc.gov.

Salary Audit Section update

We are pleased to welcome Derek Pryor as our new salary analyst. We are still down another position but hoping to get Derek trained and up-to-speed soon. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding. We also ask that you try to prioritize and work through your audits as best you can. If there are mass changes that appear to be the issue, the more you can categorize those the better. He won't be in a position to go thru each exception with anyone for a while and we will be concentrating on those that have the most impact as the priority.

From the Exceptional Children Division

PRC 049 Budgets and Allotments Update

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Contact: [Nicole Sinclair](#), Section Chief for Special Programs and Data, Exceptional Children

Reminder

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Planning FY22-23

Attached is a [summary document related to the Salary and Benefits](#) currently known based on the 2nd year of the biennial budget in SL2021-180 (Section 7A). This is subject to change based on NC General Assembly actions.

In addition, the School Allotment section has completed the [Projected ADM](#) for the LEAs and is working to finalize the updated ADM projection planning tool to be posted on the DPI Finance and Business Services, State Allotments webpage. We've also attached the worksheet with the Projected ADM for the LEAs to aid in your planning. We hope to have the updated ADM projection planning tool, average salary data, and other planning materials completed in the next few weeks, and we will provide notifications via email as soon as the various components are available and posted on our website.

We apologize for these delays, as we get further along in the budget build for FY22-23 we will continue to share additional information.

Reminder – School Psychologist Transfers

As a reminder, transfers for positions allotted for School Psychologists (PRC 006) to convert into dollars via PRC 008 are not processed through the ABC Transfer Module within the Allotment System. Instead, requests to convert PRC 006 School Psychologist to dollars via PRC 008 must be submitted in writing to [Quatia Snipes](#). When submitting the transfer request, please also copy [Susan Holly](#), Interim School Allotments Section Chief.

Please ensure that your position transfer request does not exceed two decimals. Per legislation, the positions will be converted at the FY 2022 First Step of the "A" Teachers Salary Schedule plus benefits.

If you have any questions about the process for completing transfers of positions allotted for School Psychologists, please contact Quatia Snipes or Susan Holly.

Updated Guidance Document for PRC 071 Supplemental Compensation for Teachers

Please be aware that the Guidance Document for PRC 071 Supplemental Compensation for Teachers available on DPI's Finance and Business Services website has been updated to address the question of eligibility for Pre-K teachers. As noted in the document, Pre-K teachers are not eligible to receive salary supplements from PRC 071 funds.

If you have any questions, please contact John.Keefer@dpi.nc.gov; (984) 236-2453.

Federal Administration Edit %

In consultation with the federal program consultants, a review of the account codes for PRCs that have administrative cost edits was conducted. Account codes were found that should have been flagged Yes for inclusion in the admin edit calculation. DPI made the updates to the account codes in the chart of accounts, which is causing some LEAs to go over the percentage allowed for administrative costs. The account codes that are flagged for the administrative edits within the budgets will need to be adjusted so that the budgets are within the allowed administrative costs for these PRCs.

The Admin Edits have been updated for the following federal PRCs:

- 017 5% Admin Edit %
- 047 12% Admin Edit %
- 050 12% Admin Edit %
- 051 20% Admin Edit %
- 104 2% Admin Edit %
- 108 2% Admin Edit %
- 163 2% Admin Edit %
- 164 2% Admin Edit %
- 168 2% Admin Edit %
- 171 2% Admin Edit %
- 172 2% Admin Edit %
- 181 2% Admin Edit %
- 182 2% Admin Edit %

The federal PRCs with Admin Edits have the following purpose codes:

- 6120 – (Federal PRC 017 only)
- 6300
- 6620
- 6940 (not for PRC 051)
- 8100/392 (Object code Only) Flagged N for Federal PRCs 104, 108, 163, 164, 168, 171, 172, 181 and 182.

With the update to the account codes that should have been flagged for the administrative edit, the next step is calculating and reviewing the administrative carryover prior to loading it into the system. This is a priority and will be in the system as soon as the calculations and review are complete. An update will be sent via this newsletter once the administrative carryover is loaded into CCIP.

Contact: [Roxane Bernard](#), School Reporting, School Business

From the School Planning Section

Athletic Facility Repair & Renovation Grants

LEAs are reminded to return their signed Agreements, [Appendices A and B](#), and LEA Conflict of Interest Policy to DPI School Planning. Following receipt of the signed Agreement, funds for these grants will be deposited directly into the normal LEA State Core Banking account. These are not Lottery Revenue funds, and they will not be deposited into the County Disbursing account normally used for Lottery Capital funding. As such, each LEA should write themselves a check to deposit those funds into their Local Capital bank account as revenue for PRC 440. Agreements and related materials should be emailed to Teri Williams at teri.williams@dpi.nc.gov

Note from School Business: Funds for the Athletic Facility projects through the SCIF will be deposited directly into your normal LEA State Core Banking account. The School Planning area will approve this funding. However, because the Athletic Facility funds are not deposited into the county account normally used for Capital funding, an LEA will need to write themselves a check to deposit those funds into their Local Capital bank account as revenue for PRC 440.

Since it is a local PRC, DPI will not assign a chart of accounts. Please flag the revenue and expenditures for Local PRC 440 as State. Please use valid account codes. If you have any questions please contact Roxane Bernard at Roxane.Bernard@dpi.nc.gov.

PSBRRF Information

Guidance and procedures for the newly established **Public School Building Repair and Renovation Fund** (PSBRRF) are now available on the [Capital Funding](#) page of the School Planning website. Quarterly lottery revenue availability and administration of this fund are similar to the PSBCF. Please use the [PSBRRF Distribution Request Form](#) for project allocations from this fund, and email requests to Dennis Hilton at dennis.hilton@dpi.nc.gov

NBPSCF Annual Reports

Recipients of Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) Grants are reminded that **Annual Reports** required by G.S. 115C-546.14 are **due April 1, 2022**. Please use the [NBPSCF Annual Report Form](#) located on the School Planning website, and email completed reports to Nathan Maune at nathan.maune@dpi.nc.gov

NBPSCF Final Reports

Recipients of Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) Grants are reminded that **Final Reports** required by G.S. 115C-546.14 are **due within 90 days** following completion of the grant-funded project. Please use the [NBPSCF Final Report Form](#) located on the School Planning website, and email completed reports to Nathan Maune at nathan.maune@dpi.nc.gov

PSBCF Final Reports

LEAs are reminded to submit **Final Reports** for all Public School Building Capital Fund (PSBCF) projects **within 60 days of completion of the project**. The reporting status of each project can be checked using the [PSBCF Monthly Projects Report](#) on the School Planning website. For completed projects that have not been reported, please use the [PSBCF Final Report Form](#) located on the School Planning website, and email completed reports to Dennis Hilton at dennis.hilton@dpi.nc.gov

Contact: [Nathan Maune](#), Section Chief, School Planning Section, District Operations Division

2022-2023 Home Base Opt-in Process is Scheduled to Begin in May

The NC DTL Home Base Team is preparing to open the 2022-23 Home Base Opt-in Process during the month of May. District finance officers and charter school directors will receive further information as to when the system will be taken offline and returned to service for the opt-in process to begin. Please ensure all finance officer and charter director/principal information in EDDIE is up to date. This information is used to identify who is eligible to opt in for the districts and charter schools.

This year, PSUs will have an additional product called Transcend made available to them for opting into. Transcend can only be selected as an option if the PSU opts into Home Base. The regular fee for opting into Home Base will remain \$1 per allotted ADM. If a PSU elects to opt into Transcend, there will be an additional \$4 per allotted ADM for grades 3 - 8 added to the fee. Finance officers and charter directors/principals may want to speak with their PSU's Schoolnet leads prior to making the Home Base Opt-in selections to verify if Transcend is an additional product they would like to include.

An introduction and overview of Transcend may be viewed at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-mwWc2_rys.

If you have questions concerning the Home Base Opt-in process, please contact [Yolanda Wilson](#), Education Program Specialist, Digital Teaching and Learning.

Reminder

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School Business – April 1, 2022

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Federal Administrative Edits %

The Administrative edits % carryover has been reviewed and loaded into the CCIP and BAAS systems. At this time, you can adjust your federal budgets for the affected PRCs as needed.

From the School Planning Section

K-12 Athletic Facility Grants (SCIF Grants)

LEAs completing their Appendix A (Scope of Work) should review to the [FAQ document](#) on the School Planning website. These grants are for Repairs and Renovations of K-12 Athletic Facilities. As such, certain 'loose equipment' is not an eligible use of these grant funds.

April PSBCF, NBPSCF, and PSBRRF Lottery Distribution Requests

Monthly distribution requests for PSBCF, NBPSCF, and PSBRRF lottery revenue for Capital Projects are due by **April 25, 2022**. Signed request forms and questions about lottery capital funds should be directed to Dennis Hilton, PE, via email: dennis.hilton@dpi.nc.gov.

Contact: [Nathan Maune](#), Section Chief, School Planning Section, District Operations Division

Reminders

Start and end dates of the instructional calendar for 2022-23 for each school must be in PowerSchool by **TODAY, April 1, 2022**

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NBPSCF Annual Reports are due **TODAY, April 1, 2022**

Details are in the March 25, 2022 newsletter *

SBSM Survey responses are due by **April 21, 2022**

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School Business – April 8, 2022

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Recent posts:

- [State Planning Allotment – ADM](#)
- [COVID Allotment Policy Manual](#)

Legislated Survey for Federal Use of Funds – ALL PSUs

Due on Friday, **April 15, 2022**

On April 6, 2022, the Division of School Business sent an email to survey links to LEA Finance Officers, Directors of Charter Schools and Directors of Lab and Regional Schools and Independent School District on Federal Use of Funds. This mandatory reporting, per [Session Law 2021-3 Section 1.8](#), requires all public school units to submit quarterly reports to the Department of Public Instruction on the use of specific COVID funds. The surveys sent are in accordance with this legislation and to facilitate the compilation of more than 300 submissions. We are collecting data for PRCs 171 through 178. The survey structure and questions remain the same as in previous collection. Do not include any other PRCs except those listed.

Do you have more than 20 positions to submit?

PSUs with 20+ positions should submit the “Established Positions” survey via email using the Excel sent in the communication on April 6. Only PSUs with more than 20 positions may use the Excel form. You must submit the survey “Expenditures and Use of Funds” online even if you are submitting the position detail via email. Follow the file’s instructions carefully (refer to the excel file tab “instructions”) – you must change the file name to indicate your PSU number and when sending the survey, your email subject line must include the file name with your PSU number. Do not change or modify the design of the Excel file by inserting or deleting columns or changing the format, otherwise your submission may be delayed or not accepted. The completed Excel file must be submitted via email to Corey.Terry@dpi.nc.gov.

The submission is due to DPI on Friday, **April 15, 2022**. Please ensure that your PSU submits the required information by the deadline.

Spring Legislative Class Size - LEAs only

Pursuant to [SGS115C-301](#) this data is collected two times a year and captures data from the end of October and end of February of each school year. Each local board of education, through the superintendent, shall file a report, based on information provided by the principal, for each school within the local school administrative unit. The PowerSchool report approval, class size affidavit, and individual class size waiver request are due **April 30, 2022**.

The class size affidavit and class size waiver forms can be downloaded [here](#). Email the completed affidavit to classsize@dpi.nc.gov and email the completed class size waiver to

studentaccounting@dpi.nc.gov.

This collection does not apply to Charter, Regional, Lab, and Restart Schools.

Please contact LaShon Creech for further questions at lashon.creech@dpi.nc.gov.

FY 2023 Indirect Cost Rates Update

DPI IT has completed the FY 2023 Federal Indirect Cost Rate calculations for LEAs, charter, lab, and regional schools. These rates have been loaded into BAAS and should now be available for FY 2023 Federal planning budgets once planning allotments have been calculated and uploaded later this month. PSUs can access their FY 2023 Indirect Cost Rates via the FY 2022-23 reports on [DPI's Fiscal Compliance and Reporting](#) webpage.

If you have any questions regarding the FY 2023 Indirect Cost Rates, please contact School Allotments.

PRC 062 Allotments and FAQ

School Allotments processed the allotments for PRC 062 – Small County and Low Wealth Signing Bonus this week. Please find online a brief [FAQ document](#) to assist with implementation of this new program.

If you have questions regarding your district's PRC 062 allotment or any of the guidance provided through the FAQ, please contact John Keefer (John.Keefer@dpi.nc.gov; (984) 236-2453).

Reminders

SBSM Survey responses are due by **April 21, 2022**

Details are on the [FBS homepage](#).

PSBCF, NBPSCF, and PSBRRF monthly distribution requests are due **April 25, 2022**

Details are in the April 1, 2022 newsletter. *

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School Business – April 22, 2022

The FBS website continues to be updated with COVID-19 policies and information related to School Business, as well as our ongoing operations. Please check the [FBS homepage](#) regularly for updates.

Recent posts:

- [Planning for 2022-2023](#)
- [COVID Funds](#) - **Expenditure and Allotments Data** spreadsheet as of March 31, 2022
- [Small County and Low Wealth Signing Bonus FAQs](#) April 8, 2022

Athletic SCIF Funds – LEAs only

To move these funds from your state bank account the entries should be:

Credit 1-1050-000-000 State Bank account – reducing your state cash

Debit 2/4/8-1050-000-000 Local Bank Account- increasing your local cash

Once the funds are in your local bank account, you can proceed in recording the revenue and expenditures for local PRCs 440 and 441.

If you have questions, please contact Roxane Bernard at roxane.bernard@dpi.nc.gov.

March 2022 Allotment Overdraft Report – JHA356EG – LEAs only

DPI made available your March 2022 Allotment Overdraft (JHA356EG) report in WINSCP, last Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Please refund any overages by April 27, 2022, with BUD/adjustment entries since it takes two business days to process the entries by April 30, 2022.

DPI will start processing penalties on current year's state overages as of April 30, 2022.

If you have questions, please contact Roxane Bernard at roxane.bernard@dpi.nc.gov.

Twice a Day BUD/Adjustment Processing - LEAs only

To allow LEAs the opportunity to submit corrections to denied batches, DPI has processed BUD/Adjustment batches twice a day all this fiscal year. Please use the schedule below to determine when to submit new and corrections to denied batches.

Batches received before 6 a.m. are processed in the morning run at 11:30 a.m. The communication forms for DENIED batches only are sent after 11:30.

Batches received before noon are processed in the afternoon run at 3:30 p.m. The communication forms for APPROVED batches for the day (morning and afternoon) and DENIED batches for the afternoon are sent after 3:30.

Contact: Derek Pryor, Salary Analyst, salary@dpi.nc.gov

Summer Reading Camps (PRC 016) Allotments

This week School Allotments provided the second and final installment of PRC 016 funds to eligible Public School Units. There was an allotment of funds earlier in the week, and then a small adjustment processed yesterday evening (4/21) to correct a keying error. At this point in time, all FY 22 PRC 016 funds have been allotted.

If you have a question about your PRC 016 allotment, please contact Melissa Dearman (Melissa.Dearman@dpi.nc.gov).

Final ESSER III – Teacher Bonuses (PRC 203) Allotments

Following the completion of the PRC 203 shortfall survey and the closing of the grant application periods for the grant programs funded from the ESSER III set-aside, School Business has been able to determine the total shortfall for the ESSER III Teacher Bonuses (PRC 203) and to apportion the excess funds available for redistribution. School Business calculated a proportionate share of the available funding for each PSU that expressed a need for funds via the survey. While we were not able to fund the full shortfall for PSUs based on the total funding available, we have been able to provide funds for almost 3/4ths of the total expressed need.

The additional allotment of funds for PRC 203 are being processed today and should be available for drawdown starting next week. It is anticipated that these will be the final allotments for PRC 203; any remaining shortfall will need to be covered by other funding. As a reminder, these funds will be subject to audit to ensure that all bonuses were provided in accordance with requirements.

If you have questions about the ESSER III Teacher Bonuses, please contact John Keefer (John.Keefer@dpi.nc.gov; 984-236-2453).

EC Reserve Funding Allotments

Section 7.24 of the Appropriations Act of 2021 included a new funding reserve for public school units that experienced an increase in the number of children with disabilities between the April 2021 headcount and the end of the first two months of the 2021-2022 school year. School Business has recently completed the calculations for distribution of these funds, with allotments being processed today (April 22, 2022). These funds will be allotted through PRC 032 and expire June 30, 2022; these funds have the same use rules and period of availability as normal PRC 032 funds. Please note that this reserve is not recurring but was only for FY 2021-22.

If you have a question regarding the calculations or the amounts your PSU received from the EC Reserve, please contact Melissa Dearman (Melissa.Dearman@dpi.nc.gov).

From Federal Programs

Administrative Cap for the ESSER Program

ESSER does not have an administrative cost limit written in law; however, beginning with ESSER I, NCDPI set the direct limit at 2%, in alignment with ESSA Title III and IV.

Going forward, accordance with the ESSER legislation, NC DPI will not impose an administrative

cost limit at the LEA level. LEAs may use ESSER program funds only for such administrative costs as are reasonable and necessary to carry out the grant.

Contact: Dr. [LaTricia Townsend](#), Director, Federal Program Monitoring and Support Division

From Transportation

Transportation School Bus Fuel Contingency Requests – LEAs only

Required Submission Due Thursday, April 28, 2022

On Friday April 8th, DPI Transportation Services sent out a form for county school systems to request additional funds due to the extreme cost of diesel fuel for school bus operations. Contingency funding will be offered, to the extent funds are available, to districts that have paid greater than \$2.30 per gallon for diesel fuel, based on actual invoices submitted. Please complete the spreadsheet and then submit the spreadsheet, required documentation, and a PDF of the signed request summary page to Jaime.Doran@dpi.nc.gov. **To be certain that each LEA has considered the situation fully, all counties are required to submit the spreadsheet and signed request summary page regardless of whether they wish to request additional funds.**

From Exceptional Children

PRC 029 Updates

Please review your 2021-2022 PRC 029 budget and ensure all funds will be encumbered by **June 30, 2022**. The original date for reversions was **April 1, 2022** with an extended date of no later than **April 15, 2022**. If your PSU will have an excess of funds, please revert the funds as soon as possible. Please see the **attached** reversion form.

Note from School Business: The funds must be Expended by June 30, 2022. They are not encumbered and don't carryover.

Reminders

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Class Size: PowerSchool report approval, class size affidavit, and individual class size waiver request are due **April 30, 2022**

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