

School Business Services

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction



January 9, 2025

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January State Board Meeting Update

The NC State Board of Education (SBE) approved the changes to the Manuals below during its monthly meeting on January 9, 2025. The adjustments will be made in each manual and posted to our [What's New webpage](#) today.

Allotment Policy Manual

Federal Allotment Policy:

- PRC 0143 Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant (Project ADS)/PRC 0144 School-Based Mental Health Services Grant (Project FAST)
 - Updated funding priorities to include districts with high percentages of free and reduced lunch eligibility and economically disadvantaged students, high ratios of students to mental health services providers, and other factors.

State Allotment Policy:

- PRC 0022 Advanced Teaching Roles
 - Updated to reflect codified legislation
- PRC 0230 Hurricane Relief and Recovery
 - Clarifies allowable mental health expenditures
- PRC 0085 Literacy Intervention
 - Clarifies allowable use of Science of Reading Funds
 - Updated criteria to receive teacher signing bonuses
 - Sets minimum bonus amounts for signing and performance bonuses
- PRC 0255 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Certification Fee Reimbursement Grant Program

- New state PRC was created by SL 2023-134 as a continuation to Federal PRC 0198, which was funded with ESSER funds.

School Attendance and Student Accounting (SASA) Manual

A section has been added to provide guidance on days deemed completed per the Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 (S.L. 2024-51) and The Disaster Recovery Act of 2024, Part II (S.L. 2024-53). This section will be removed when the law is no longer in effect.

SBS Summer Conference Save the Date and Hotel Group Rate

Our annual summer conference will be **Tuesday, July 22, 2025**. Please hold that date and be aware that it will be in a new location: the [Embassy Suites in Cary, NC](#).

The discounted [Room Block](#) is open and will be available until July 1st, so please jump on those rates and secure your room. Thank you for your continued participation in our conference! We will send out more information in the coming weeks.

FY2024-25 Allotment Update - All PSUs

The following items of interest are scheduled for allotment by the end of the week:

- State PRC 0016 – Summer Reading Camps – FY25 Allotments
- All Federal PRC Approvals received as of January 3, 2025

PSU Growth funds were allocated by December 20th. As a result, all PSUs have received their full 100 percent funds for all Initial/Base funding. There will be no further adjustments to the base funding this fiscal year besides the final 5% installment of PRC 0056 Transportation of Pupils, which must be allotted after April 1 per legislation. The only other expected State allotment adjustments will be for NCVPS Sure Up, teacher bonuses, and program-specific grants.

Allotment Conversions - LEAs Only

The fourth batch of ABC transfers will close **midnight, 1/17/25**. Email-submitted transfer and conversion requests received by January 17th will be allotted by January 22nd.

If you have general allotment questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

SBS DART Update - All PSUs



All monthly financial reports have been updated to reflect December data files as of today. The Cash Zero Out report will be updated when the zero out process has been completed.

Salary Audit Webinar - LEAs Only

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- 10 am
- 2 pm

[Thursday January 30th, 2025](#)

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IRS Mileage Rates Increase

Effective January 1, 2025, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has established [new mileage rates](#) used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical, or moving purposes. The business standard rate for the use of a car (also vans, pickups, or panel trucks) increased from 67 cents per mile to 70 cents per mile. Accordingly, and pursuant to G.S. 138-6(a)(1), OSBM will adjust the allowable rate of reimbursement for travel by officers and employees on official state business. They will not publish any notifications of the new rates beyond what has been posted by the [IRS on their website](#).

In 2022, the Travel Policies and Regulations section (5.2.13) of the State Budget Manual was updated to reflect that unless otherwise specified, OSBM will adopt new IRS mileage rates effective January 1 of each calendar year. In accordance with an agency's policies, a state employee shall be reimbursed at a rate that does not exceed the business standard mileage rate set forth by the IRS. Agencies are advised to visit the IRS website to confirm the annual mileage reimbursement rates on or before January 1 of each year.

Agencies can find additional information regarding IRS standard mileage rates on the [IRS website](#), [OSBM's website](#), or OSBM's Budget Manual [section 5, Travel Policies](#). If you have specific questions regarding these changes, please contact your OSBM Budget Execution Analyst.

Come Work for the School Business Team in Raleigh!

We have an opening for the Accounting Manager for our Fiscal Monitoring section in our Raleigh, NC office.

The position oversees over \$13.8 billion in State funds, \$1.1 billion in federal funds, \$6.3 billion in COVID funds, and \$1.5 billion in capital funds, as well as other federal programs. This position is critical for the success of our division. It has responsibility for the managing, planning, directing, coordinating, monitoring, and/or supervising the fiscal monitoring and compliance area within School Business but also on behalf of the agency. This position ensures that operational, procedural, and regulatory requirements are met related to all the funding allocated out to the PSUs from the agency.

More information can be found in the [online job posting](#). If interested, please apply online by **Friday, January 17th, 2025**. The position is located in the Raleigh NC office.

From the Office of Digital Teaching and Learning

PowerSchool Breach Impact Update

Hello Everyone,

We want to give you all an update with the latest information that we have. You may have seen emails regarding log checking. Rest assured we are working with PowerSchool to gather those logs for each PSU instance and will be verifying the scope of the breach. You do not need to do this on your own.

- PowerSchool notified schools and DPI yesterday afternoon of a cyber incident.
- On December 28, PowerSchool became aware of a cybersecurity incident involving unauthorized access to student and teacher data.
- The incident is contained and PowerSchool worked with a firm called CyberSteward to ensure confidence in destruction of data that was breached.
- We are analyzing the NC impact.
- PowerSchool states that if you were contacted you were impacted; however, DPI is working to confirm.
- What we know:
 - A PowerSchool-contracted employee's credentials were compromised via malware. This allowed unauthorized access by the threat actors.
 - An export utility script utilized a PowerSchool admin maintenance tunnel to export student and teacher data.
 - PowerSchool was notified by the TA on Dec. 28 and engaged with them to ensure the destruction of data.
 - PS states they are confident all data has been contained and the system is secure.
 - No actions by DPI or schools could have prevented this incident as the access was via administration tools only PowerSchool has access to.
 - We take student and teacher data privacy seriously and will continue to provide support and updates as we learn more.
- What do PSU need to do:
 - No technical actions need to be taken at this time.
 - PowerSchool will continue to provide parent and community communication materials.

DPI is working with PowerSchool to verify which instances are affected.

DPI is also working on gathering which data fields were included in the breach.

From the Office of School Facilities - LEAs Only

January PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests

Monthly distribution requests for PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF lottery revenue for Capital Projects are due by **January 27, 2025**. Signed request forms and questions about lottery capital funds should be directed to Dennis Hilton, PE, via email: dennis.hilton@dpi.nc.gov

QUARTERLY REPORTS -- K-12 Facility Grants (SCIF Grants)

Recipients of K-12 Facility Grants (SCIF Grants) are required to submit Quarterly Financial and Performance Reports (with supporting documentation) within 10 days following the end of each fiscal quarter. Reports are due by **January 10, 2025** for the most recent fiscal quarter ending on December 31,

2024. Please submit reports using the form located on the Capital Funding page of the School Planning website: [SCIF Quarterly Report](#). Completed reports should be emailed to Nathan Maune at nathan.maune@dpi.nc.gov.

Questions? Contact SBS.

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Principal Salary Update - LEAs Only

The Licensure Salary Database (LicSal) has been updated to reflect the PreK ADM required for the principal salary placement effective January 1st. As a reminder PreK ADM is from the Month 1 PMR only (see the [SASA Manual](#) for additional information). The Month 1 PMR report we post in the [Student Accounting Data webpage](#) will be updated next week to reflect that information as a separate tab in that report.

The corresponding Principal Pay Summary report that is provided in the LicSal System has been updated and is now available for you to view.

As a reminder the calculation for the principal salary is prescribed in the budget bills annually. You may use that as a guide to see the business rules applied per the governing legislation when calculating the principal salaries for your LEA.

Thank you for your patience as we updated the system for the new information required this year. Any questions should be directed to Salary@dpi.nc.gov.

Certified Personnel Supplement Survey - LEAs Only

If your LEA receives a Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation (PRC 071) allotment, please complete the Certified Personnel Supplement Survey by **Monday, February 17, 2025**. The link and PDF of the survey have also been posted to our [What's New webpage](#).

This survey is to collect data required for the State Board of Education Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation Report in accordance with [Session Law 2023-134 Section 7A.4](#). The report shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. This survey is intended to address the information missing from responses to the SS300 survey; therefore, NCDPI is requesting more details on actual 2023-24 and expected 2024-25 data. In addition, other data are being collected based on recent external requests. Contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

FY2024-25 Allotment Update - All PSUs

The following items of interest are scheduled for allotment by the end of the week:

- State PRC 0032 – Children with Disabilities– Headcount Transfer Allotments per the Office of Exceptional Children
- Various Federal PRCs
 - Approvals received as of January 14, 2025
 - Reallocation of waived Grant Year 2025 funding

Past Due Legislated Surveys - All PSUs

SBS uses surveys to collect any data required by the General Assembly that is not available in PSU monthly reports. This information is frequently used in budget development or other critical tasks. As a result it is imperative that we receive your timely response to data requests. We will be following up with individual PSUs, but if you have not completed any of the required surveys below please do so as soon as possible.

- Days Missed Survey - Hurricane Helene and PTC8 Impacted PSUs Only
- Charter School Membership Survey - LEAs Only
- Athletics Survey - All PSUs

Charter School Average Daily Membership (CSADM) - IPSs Only

All Charter, Regional, and UNC Lab Schools with current year enrollment and new charter schools approved to open July 1, 2025 are required to report their projected ADM for the upcoming 2025-26 fiscal year in the CSADM system.

We anticipate opening the platform next week and will send out instructions and further information at that time. Please prepare your data to be submitted quickly as your numbers are used in budget development with the NC General Assembly in preparation for the upcoming legislative session.

From the School Insurance Office

2024 Year-End Unemployment Information - LEAs Only

As a reminder, the deadline for sending worksheets, invoices, and payments to DPI is January 21, 2025. Please see the revised [2024 UI Instructions](#), as well as the [Employee](#) and [Master Worksheets](#). Please take action if you have not submitted your forms.

To download the 2024 invoice from the DES Website:

Go to the [DES website](#) and then click on the Correspondence section of your employer portal. You can access your reimbursement statement within NCSUITS by clicking on Documents and Emails from the lefthand Your Options menu. Next, click My Correspondences. Next, click Search and your available

correspondences should populate. Then, click on the Employer Reimbursable Bill hyperlink to download the statement.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact Eileen.Townsend@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

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01/17/2025	Applications for SBS Accounting Manager - Fiscal Monitoring Section position	01/09/2025
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PSUs Charter School Average Daily Membership (CSADM) - IPSs Only

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To assist you with preparing your submission, SBS will be [hosting an online webinar](#) on Thursday, January 30th at 10 am. All new charters for the 2025-26 school year should attend; however, returning charters are welcome if they would like a refresher. Please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov with any questions.

Salary Audit Webinar - LEAs Only

SBS will be hosting the second part of our Salary Audit webinar series next week. The topic will be "LicSal - Understanding and Clearing Audit Exceptions" - the schedule and links are below. **Please note that the morning session on Thursday has been moved to 11 am.** A recording and an FAQ will be made available on our website for those that cannot attend any of the sessions.

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- 10 am
- 2 pm

[Thursday January 30th, 2025](#)

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Certified Personnel Supplement Survey - LEAs Only

LEAs receiving the Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation (PRC 071) allotment are required to complete the Certified Personnel Supplement Survey by Monday, **February 17, 2025**. The link and PDF of the survey have also been posted to our [What's New webpage](#).

This survey collects data required for the State Board of Education Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation Report in accordance with Session Law 2023-134 Section 7A.4 and will be submitted to the NC General Assembly. Contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

Hurricane Helene Technology Recovery Funds Process - Helene PSUs Only

Reminder: In accordance with [NC S.L. 2024-54](#), \$5,000,000 was appropriated for "replacement of school technology, particularly student and teacher devices, in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene". All PSUs within these counties submit the required forms to indicate if they are requesting these funds by the end of **January 31, 2025**. Submissions received after January 31, 2025, will be considered if funds are still available.

FY2024-25 Allotment Update - ALL PSUs

The following items of interest are scheduled for processing by the end of the week:

- Various Federal PRCs
 - Final Reversion of expired Federal funds (ESSER and Non-ESSER PRCs)

Allotment Conversions - LEAs Only

The fifth batch of ABC transfers will close **midnight, 2/14/25**. Email-submitted transfer and conversion requests received by end of day February 14th will be allotted by February 18th.

For questions related to Federal reversions, please contact Jane.Seo@dpi.nc.gov. If you have general allotment questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

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02/17/2025	Certified Personnel Supplement Survey	01/17/2025

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FY2024-25 Allotment Update - All PSUs

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- State PRC 0039 – School Resource Officers – Allotments per the Center for Safer Schools (wave 3).
- State PRC 0066 – Teacher Assistant Tuition Reimbursement Grants – TA Tuition Allotments per the Office of Licensure and Educator Preparation.
- State PRC 0087 – Stop Arm Enhancement Funds – Stop Arm Camera Allotments per the Office of District Operations.
- All Federal PRC Approvals received as of January 24, 2025

The following items are scheduled for allotment by the middle of next week if not processed this Friday:

- Initial Allotments at 100% for Approvals received as of January 21, 2025:
 - Federal PRC 0049 – IDEA: Section 619 Preschool Grants
 - Federal PRC 0060 – IDEA: Section 611 Grants to States
 - Federal PRC 0070 – IDEA: Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)
- Additional information regarding IDEA Initial Allotments can be found in the accompanying statement from the Office of Exceptional Children.

For questions related to Federal reversions, please contact Jane.Seo@dpi.nc.gov. If you have general allotment questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

Charter School Average Daily Membership (CSADM) - IPSs Only

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's CSADM webinar. If you were unable to attend, a recording and the presentation has been made available on [our website](#).

All Charter, Regional, and UNC Lab Schools with current year enrollment and new charter schools approved to open July 1, 2025 are required to report their projected ADM for the upcoming 2025-26 fiscal year in the CSADM system by no later than **Wednesday, February 5, 2025**. As a reminder, this information must be entered either by the school's Director, Board Chair, or Board Vice Chair in EDDIE.

Please prepare your data to be submitted quickly. Your data is used for several reports, requirements and other items as we enter the early spring. If you have any questions, contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

Salary Audit Update and Webinar - LEAs Only

Thank you to everyone who attended one of this week's Salary Audit webinars. If you were unable to attend, a recording and the presentation has been made available on our [website](#). As a reminder, the Voucher Inquiry - FY25 view in LicSal will be disabled, effective EOB Friday, February 7th, 2025.

Staff are working on additional supporting guidance documents to further help this area of your work based on the feedback from these sessions. We continue to strive towards clarifying and helping everyone move to the new process for reviewing and updating your payroll records to ensure you meet the compliance requirements related to certified compensation. Your support and cooperation in this development is appreciated.

From the Office of School Facilities

February PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests - LEAs Only

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From the Office of Federal Programs

PRC 0111 Significant Increase Application is Open - All PSUs

Using the fall headcount, PRC 0111 – Significant Increase calculations have been completed to generate planning allotments. PSUs who receive a PRC 0111 planning allotment will need to submit the stand-alone application and budget in CCIP. The application will need to be moved to Chief Administrator Approved once the application and budget components are completed.

If a PSU receives a planning allotment, but intends to waive the funds, the PSU will simply check the waive box on the Budget Page and still move the application to Chief Administrator Approved.

The PRC 0111 – Significant Increase initial application and budget submission of PRC 0111 funds are due **on or before Friday February 14, 2025**.

New for this year, the only Required Related Document for PRC 0111 that needs to be uploaded is the Statement of Assurances.

If funds are being used to fund a position utilizing PRC 0111, then a job description for each position must be uploaded in the Optional Documents Section.

If you have any questions, please contact Marshall Foster, marshall.foster@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Office of Exceptional Children

Update: Federal IDEA Remaining Allocations (PRC 049, PRC 060, PRC 070) - All PSUs

FY25 (Grant Year 25) Planning Allotments were calculated using the December 2023 federal EC child count data with the intent to calculate the Initial Allotment using the December 2024 federal EC child count.

However, due to the unexpected impact of Hurricane Helene at the 60-day child transfer count and validating EC child count data in ECATS from data incoming from two student information systems, NCDPI has just recently been able to affirm that current data points for EC child count have stabilized within a reasonable margin.

While this year's Initial Allotment may not have occurred in the timeline typically expected, this delay has mitigated the need for New and Growing Adjustments that have historically occurred later in the year and at times negatively impacted some PSUs.

Efforts are underway to allocate the remaining funds as soon as possible. This may occur as early as the end of this week. OEC is also working with School Business Services within federal guidelines to explore options to mitigate the cash flow and funding delays for FY 25-26. We appreciate your understanding as the NCDPI has worked to mitigate risks and future adjustments in allocations to the greatest extent possible.

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NCASBO Annual Conference - All PSUs

SBS will be presenting on Monday and Thursday at the NCASBO Annual Conference. Safe travels to everyone coming to Greensboro – we are looking forward to seeing you next week!

Manual Check Reminder for Refunds and TD-19's - All PSUs

A paper 202 or payment memo form is no longer required for manual refund checks, or a TD-19 refund. Please find a link to the online refund form, a guidance document, and presentation on [the Cash Management page](#). If you have any questions, please contact CashMgt@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Office of School Nutrition

CEP Meal Program Incentive payments (HB259 Section 7.59.) – All PSUs

On Monday, February 4, 2025, the Office of School Nutrition processed the first round of reimbursements for the state-funded CEP Program Incentive. This program, as part of HB259 legislation, applies to eligible and approved CEP schools. The claim has already been set up in SNTS, and your payment has been processed. No further action is required from PSUs to receive these funds. You can view the payment details in SNTS under SY2024 – 2025, SNP > Claims > Claim - FUNDS for SNP.

This payment covers your meals claimed from July 2024 through October 2024. The payment has been entered under the "State CEP Meal Program Incentive HB259" grant for the month of January 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact your school nutrition service area consultant.

School Nutrition Semi-Annual Financial Report (FC1-A) due March 1, 2025 – LEAs only

This is a reminder that the FY 2024-25 Semi-Annual Financial Report (FC1-A) must be submitted via the School Nutrition Technology System (SNTS) by the specified due date. The Office of School Nutrition relies on the FC1-A data to prepare a legislated report, as required by G.S. 115C-450, and is unable to grant extensions for late submissions. If you anticipate any delays in finalizing your report, we kindly ask that you submit a preliminary report and indicate in the comments section of the FC1-A that the submission is provisional. You may resubmit the FC1-A once your numbers are confirmed. However, we must receive at least your best estimate by **March 1, 2025**.

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie.Narron@dpi.nc.gov

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SBS DART Update - All PSUs



The PSU Dashboards were updated to include the January MFR data on 2/11/25. The following dashboards were added to the Public Dashboards:

- 23-24 Final MFR Expenditures
- 23-24 Final MFR Revenues

If you have any questions, please contact SBSDART@dpi.nc.gov.

YTD Zero Out Entries – All PSUs

Due to how the federal funds have to process with the Office of the State Controller, the cash transactions are processed as two separate batches on back-to-back days. Please wait for all batches to process for the week before looking at the data. Please document your general ledgers accordingly.

See below for the revised processing dates:

- January YTD State and negative Federal zero out entries will process on 2/13 for LEAs.
- January YTD positive Federal entries are scheduled to process on 2/14 for LEAs.
- All YTD Federal and YTD State zero out entries for IPSs are scheduled to process on 2/14.

Contact CashMgt@dpi.nc.gov for zero out questions.

FY2024-25 Allotment Update - All PSUs

The following items of interest are scheduled for processing by the end of the week:

- Plasma Games Grant Program (PRC 0258)
- CTE - Heath Career Promotion (PRC 0253)

The fifth batch of ABC transfers (LEAs only) will close **midnight, 2/14/25**. Email-submitted transfer requests received by end of day February 14th will be allotted by February 18th.

For questions related to Federal reversions, please contact Jane.Seo@dpi.nc.gov. If you have general allotment questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

Charter School Average Daily Membership (CSADM) PAST DUE - IPSs Only

All Charter, Regional, and Lab Schools with current year enrollment and new charter schools approved to open July 1, 2025 are required to report their projected ADM for the upcoming 2025-26 fiscal year in [the CSADM system](#). This information is now **PAST DUE** - please report your data as soon as possible if it has not already been submitted. If you have questions, contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Office of District Operations

Hurricane Helene Transportation Contingency

DPI Transportation Services recognizes that many counties were impacted by flooding and other damage caused by Hurricane Helene. Some of you experienced road and school closures, bus rerouting, and displaced students. These issues may have caused some students to be transported to and from school by contracted services or lengthened bus routes. As a result of this, we will allow requests for contingency to offset some of these unusual and excess costs. Your request should only be for miles, driver hours, and contract transportation which are in excess of what you would have otherwise incurred in normal operations. In addition, the spreadsheet also must take into account transportation costs not incurred due to days deemed complete or changed to remote instruction and routes which were shortened or are no longer in operation.

To receive contingency for costs associated with the hurricane, [the attached spreadsheet forms](#) must be completed and emailed back to DPI. Please be mindful that if you have been reimbursed by FEMA or other disaster relief sources for your excess transportation expenses, then requesting contingency funding for the same already-covered expenses would not be appropriate.

Any county requesting these funds should be in the Federally Declared Major Disaster Area under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-288).

The summary sheet (and each of the individual worksheets) have embedded instructions which you can open by double clicking on the word document icon. In addition, training on contingency forms were provided during the Director and Administrative Staff training series on February 12, 2025.

Email completed requests and questions to Brandon.Smith@dpi.nc.gov.

Hurricane Helene contingency requests will be accepted through **February 25, 2025**.

From the DPI Department of Information Technology

Hurricane Helene Technology Recovery Funds Update

Thank you to all the PSUs who have submitted requests for Helene Technology Recovery Funds (PRC 230). DPIIT will review them and communicate approved allotments in the coming weeks. They have also opened submissions for a final round of requests, which will be considered on a rolling basis until **March 31, 2025**, depending on the availability of funds remaining.

Process and required documentation for PSUs requesting funding:

1. Compile source documentation to reflect the actual losses and the value of the losses as a result of Hurricane Helene. Documentation should include the following:
 - o Complete [the damaged technology inventory template](#) to identify technology equipment losses and the value of the losses as a result from Hurricane Helene.
 - o Submit technology equipment repair and/or replacement invoices on form referenced in step three below. Include any other documents that substantiate the claim for State funds to support the repair and replacement of technology equipment.
2. Print, review, complete and sign [the Attestation Form](#). The Finance Officer and Technology Director signatures are required to process the claim for State Disaster Funds.
 - o One Attestation Form should be completed per PSU request.
3. Submit all documents, including the damaged technology inventory, replacement invoice(s), and completed Attestation Form using [the Hurricane Helene Technology Recovery Funds Form](#).
 - o Each PSU will receive a confirmation email once all documents are received.

For questions, contact the following personnel in the Technology Services Office: Tim Wease, PSU Cybersecurity Director, (948) 236-2269, timothy.wease@dpi.nc.gov

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PRC 230 School Nutrition Payments - Helene PSUs Only

Please make sure you have recorded all your School Nutrition Salary payments (PRC 230) that were due to your staff and/or contractors in your February datafiles. We will adjust the allotments to cover the valid expenditures as soon as we have the February datafiles. We want to make sure we get those expenditures wrapped up with February datafile if we can so that the funds can be reallocated to other Helene recovery funding needs for the schools. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

FY2024-25 Allotment Update - All PSUs

The following items of interest are scheduled for allotment by end of day Friday, February 28th:

- State PRC 0230 – Hurricane Relief and Recovery – Technology Allotments approved per the Office of Risk Management and Cybersecurity
- NCVPS Reduction Sure-Up per Participation Enrollment
- All State and Federal Grant Approvals received as of February 25, 2025

Planning Allotments are in the process of being finalized. Early March is our goal.

For questions related to Federal reversions, please contact Jane.Seo@dpi.nc.gov. If you have general allotment questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

Salary Audit/LicSal Update

Your software vendors are sending out this week information related to their revisions and software updates that are meant to help you adjust your payroll records for maximizing your resources. This information is being provided to your Superintendents from NCDPI-IT; you should also be getting that directly from your software vendors this week.

Here is an update on the SBS-DPI side of the Salary Audit process:

- We did discover an error in our calculations related to annual projected salary and how that is reflected on the NEW salary audit reports.
- These have been corrected, and we are in TEST phase of that work this week.
- We plan to have our corrected systems in production in time for the receipt of your February Payroll Summary Files.
- After our system modifications are in production we will publish our updated guidance, with our business rules and calculations, to our website.

We are hopeful that with the DPI updated side of this work along with your software vendors providing some key functionality in your financial packages that many of the salary audit concerns will be on the way to being resolved.

We will continue to work with your vendors as they implement their software changes to test how those may impact the payroll summary records and the subsequent impacts on salary audits.

Please refrain from looking at your salary audits in the system until after we have loaded the February Data Files. We will notify you as soon as we have those loaded.

Thank you for your patience and for working with us through these system development processes.

From the Office of School Facilities

March PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests

Monthly distribution requests for PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF lottery revenue for Capital Projects are due by **March 25, 2025**. Signed request forms and questions about lottery capital funds should be directed to Dennis Hilton, PE, via email: dennis.hilton@dpi.nc.gov

From the Office of School Nutrition and School Business

Federal Continuing Resolution Update

Financial and Business Services, the Office of School Nutrition, and the Office of Federal Programs are keeping a close eye on the potential for the continuing resolution that funds the government to expire on March 14, 2025.

In preparation, NCDPI asks the school nutrition program directors to submit their February claim for reimbursement by March 10 or before, so those claims can be processed as quickly as possible. We want to ensure all February claims have been paid before March 14.

We hope that no further communication will be needed, and an agreement will be reached by congress and signed before or on March 14.

This message is to keep you informed of the communication sent to the school nutrition program directors. If the continuing resolution expires, we will provide an update when we are made aware of additional information on any potential impacts for public schools.

From the Office of Exceptional Children

Allotments are Scheduled: PRC 118/119

These allotments are anticipated to be out to PSUs in the next five business days. Please note the following and share with your local finance officers.

PRC 118: IDEA Special Needs Targeted Assistance

- These are federal IDEA funds and must be used to provide services/supports to students with disabilities. Maintenance of Effort requirements apply.
- Appropriate uses include Recruitment and Retention activities and Program Instructional Support.
- It is highly recommended that PSUs consider the use of these funds to provide stipends for EC personnel to attend the 2025 Regional Summer Institutes provided by the OEC.
- These funds are from Grant Year 2024 and must be encumbered by **September 30, 2025**, and liquidated by **December 31, 2025**. Please work with your finance officer to apply FIFO (First In, First Out), to expend the oldest grant year funds first, as appropriate.
- The allotment was calculated at a per student rate. PSUs received a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$100,000 according to the December 2024 child count.

PRC 119: Preschool Special Needs Targeted Assistance

- Same as above but restricted to students with disabilities ages 3-5 in preschool.
- The allotment was calculated at a per student rate for PSUs with students with disabilities ages 3-5 in preschool as of the December 2024 child count.

Please see the [PRC 118/119 Allotment Workbook](#) to locate the amount of funds provided to each PSU.

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Certified Personnel Supplement Survey - LEAs Only

The Certified Personnel Supplement Survey is now **PAST DUE**. LEAs receiving the Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation (PRC 071) allotment are required to submit a response. If you have not completed the survey please do so as soon as possible.

This survey collects data required for the State Board of Education Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation Report in accordance with Session Law 2023-134 Section 7A.4 and will be submitted to the NC General Assembly. Contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

Real Property Status Report - All PSUs

Uniform Guidance requires the award recipients to report on the real property acquired or real-property improvements made throughout the grant funding period for as long as federal interest is retained ([2 CFR 200.330](#)). In keeping with the requirements, please complete the relevant sections for each real property projects which were acquired, modified, and/or improved using ESSER I, ESSER II, and/or ESSER III funding. All PSUs that received ESSER I, II, or III funding are required to submit the survey.

The [survey](#) and template are posted on the [FBS homepage](#) under What's New and are due by **March 31, 2025**. Per Uniform Guidance, reporting on the status of the real property is required **annually**. The completion of this questionnaire will be requested every year, starting in 2023 ([2 CFR 200.330](#)).

Note: For guidance on real property or equipment, please refer to NCDPI's "[Frequently Asked Fiscal Questions Related to ESSER and GEER, Includes Construction Related Questions](#)."

For compliance questions, contact albert.woelfle@dpi.nc.gov or brittany.mclaurin@dpi.nc.gov.

LicSal Update and Pay Period 08 Salary Load – LEAs Only

DPI will begin System Maintenance on the LicSal application starting Thursday at the close of business. The LicSal system will be down until Monday, March 10th. Pay Period 08 will be loaded during this maintenance period.

On Monday, should there be any questions or data issues after this update to the production environment, please email the details of the issue to salary@dpi.gov.

Thank you for your patience during this maintenance period and updates to our systems.

FY2024-25 Allotment Update - All PSUs

The following items of interest are scheduled for allotment by the end of the week:

- State Allotment Adjustments per finalized Certified Budget:
 - PRC 0032 – Children with Disabilities
 - PRC 0012 – Driver Training
- Initial Allotments of Approvals received-to-date
 - Federal PRC 0111 – ESEA Title III, Part A - English Language Acquisition (Significant Increase)

Allotment Conversions - LEAs Only

The next batch of ABC transfers will close midnight, 3/14/25. Email-submitted transfer and conversion requests received by March 14th will be allotted by March 19th.

FY2025-26 State Planning Allotments

Planning Allotment calculations are underway and expected to be posted online by March 14th.

If you have general allotment questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Office of School Facilities - LEAs Only

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, 2025**. 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

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2025-2026 Instructional Start and End Dates - All PSUs

Please enter your school's instructional start and end dates for the 2025-26 school year into the SIS by **April 1, 2025**. All NC public schools, regardless of type, must provide a minimum of 185 days or 1,025 hours of instruction covering at least nine calendar months. This information is pulled from the SIS on April 2 to verify compliance with the law.

Most PSUs are required to comply with calendar start/end date requirements. Unless the PSU is in an exempt category (SASA, p.51) or has received an approved calendar waiver for the 2025-26 school year, the start date should be no earlier than August 25, 2025 and the end date should be no later than June 12, 2026. This information is pulled from the SIS on April 2 to verify compliance with the law.

[School Attendance and Student Accounting Manual \(SASA\)](#)

Calendar Law: [LEAs](#) | [Charter Schools](#) | [Cooperative Innovative High Schools](#) | [Lab Schools](#) | [Regional School](#)

For further questions, please contact studentaccounting@dpi.nc.gov.

FY2025-26 State Planning Allotments - All PSUs

Planning Allotment calculations are underway and expected to be posted online by March 21st.

If you have general allotment questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

Reminder Helene funds PRC 0230 - Helene PSUs Only

School Nutrition Salary Payments for Helene Missed Days (Oct/Nov) should be fully processed and recorded in PRC 0230. We are processing a reversion/allotment to match expenditures posted through February. We have assumed that all appropriate entries for those salary payments have been fully enacted

by the impacted districts at this time. Please let us know through the allotments@dpi.nc.gov email should you need the month of March to finalize those transactions.

Capital Funds, Mental Health Funds, Technology Funds, and School Nutrition Equipment funds will remain available until spent or June 30, 2030.

Salary Audit Update - LEAs Only

SBS sent out a blast to Finance Officers this afternoon regarding the work on Salary Audit, LicSal, and Payroll Summary File work. Please forward that notification to the appropriate staff at your LEA.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to implement process improvements. Any questions should be directed to Salary@dpi.nc.gov.

PSU Remote Academies

Did you know that LEAs are able to open remote academies post-COVID? If you're interested in opening a remote academy as part of your LEA or Charter School, please see the [DPI Remote Academies page](#). The page contains information about the [application process](#) and other resources. Legal requirements can be found in [Article 16, Part 3](#) of the North Carolina General Statutes.

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Legislative Update

This week, the Governor signed [SL 2025-2 \(House Bill 47\)](#). It includes the following provisions related to PSUs:

- Section 2G.1. (page 10) - Appropriates \$9 million to establish the School Extension Learning Recovery Program (SELRP). All PSUs in Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties are able to participate, including charters and Asheville City Schools.
- Section 3.1. (page 13) - Extends the State of Emergency until June 30, 2025
- Section 5.8 (page 19) - Allows all PSUs in Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties, including charter schools and Asheville City Schools, to deem complete an additional 10 missed instructional days due to inclement weather from December 2024 to February 2025.
 - PSUs that deem complete days must compensate employees for those days as if they had worked a scheduled instructional day. This includes School Nutrition employees and contractors.
- Section 5.8.(c) (page 19) - School Nutrition employees and contractors in Helene-impacted counties should be compensated for instructional days that were moved to remote learning due to the hurricane in September through November 2024 as if they had worked a scheduled on-site instructional day.
- Section 5.11. (page 21) - Reduces the waiting period for state employees that retired between April 1, 2024 and March 1, 2025 to return to work from six months to one month to assist with recovery efforts.

We have updated our Disaster Recovery Act Summary and FAQ Document posted to our [What's New page](#) to include this legislation. We will publish additional guidance on the SELRP in the coming week. If you have any questions, please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

Accounting for Days Missed in the SIS

Days deemed complete should be counted as completed instructional days with every student who is not suspended marked "Present". A note, such as, "Snow Day—Helene" should be added to the calendar for tracking purposes.

The NCSIS team has provided refreshers on updating these changes in the SIS.

- How to Adjust an Instructional Day in NCSIS
 - [Inclement Weather/Emergency Closure](#)
- How to Adjust an Instructional Day in PowerSchool
 - [PS QRD: Calendar Changes Document](#)

FY2024-25 Allotment Update - All PSUs

The following items of interest are being allotted this week:

- State PRC 0040 – School Safety Grants – FY2025 Grant Award Allotments
- State PRC 0056 – Transportation of Pupils – Helene Emergency Transportation Allotments as approved.
- State PRC 0230 – Hurricane Relief and Recovery: School Nutrition – Allotment Adjustments per February data and March submissions.
- State PRC 0251 – Economically Disadvantaged Public School Support Funds – FY2025 Allotments.
- Federal PRC Approvals received as of March 14, 2025

Allotment Conversions - LEAs Only

The next batch of ABC transfers will close **midnight, 4/17/25**. Email-submitted transfer and conversion requests received by April 21st will be allotted by April 23rd.

FY2025-26 State Planning Allotments

Planning Allotment calculations are in final reviews and expected to be shared next week with an accompanying webinar.

If you have general allotment questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

Refunds for Fiscal Year 2025 Overspent PRCs – All PSUs

Please see the steps below on how to send cash back to DPI for overspent PRCs based on if the PRC is open or closed in the Cash App.

Closed PRC Overspent for FY25:

- Note: Closed PRCs must be processed with a Manual Check
1. Move expenditures + encumbrances
 2. Create Manual Check
 3. Complete & Submit the Droplet [Refund and Repayment Form](#)

Open PRC Overspent for FY25

Note: Open PRCs can be processed via the Cash App

1. Move expenditures + encumbrances
2. Create negative cash request in the Cash App

How do we know if the PRC is open or closed for fiscal year 2025?

Only open PRCs are accessible on the Cash App when selecting the Funds Requirement Date (FRD).

How do we know if we have overspent PRCs for fiscal year 2025?

PSUs can access a report in the Cash App.

How do we access the report?

1. Go to Data Inquiry → Funds Available to Request
2. Download the report by pressing Actions → Download → Select report format and click the Download button.
3. The report contains the following headers:
 - LEA/IPS
 - Fiscal Year
 - PRC Type
 - PRC/Name
 - Grant Year
 - (a) Allotment
 - (b) Request Amount
 - (a)-(b)= Available to Request
4. You can create a formula where (a) Allotment – (b) Request Amount = difference. If the amount is negative, the PRC is overspent and a refund is due back to DPI. If your Cash Requests are greater than the Allotment, a refund is due.

Contact CashMgt@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

Uniform Education Reporting System (UERS) File Specifications - All PSUs

As a reminder, SBS publishes the file specs for the various UERS reports on our [Finance Operations webpage](#). Please reach out to SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

From the Office of Exceptional Children

NC DPI OEC Medicaid in Education Cohort

Please complete this [registration](#) for your PSU to participate in a Medicaid in Education cohort. This flexible, inclusive, virtual cohort will complete the on-demand Medicaid in Education course with a focus on FFS; however, all Medicaid programs (MAC, Cost Report, FFS) will be covered. Participants will:

- Complete the assigned module/s
- Meet virtually to clarify concepts, answer questions, and

- Collaborate for implementation, establishing PSU practices, and procedures

Participants can and should vary from module to module. Time will be allocated for implementation work. Suggested participants to consider:

- PSU leadership
- EC administrators
- Finance/Business officers
- Related service providers
- Central office / Compliance personnel
- Administrative support

There are 4 planned cohorts (Spring 25, Summer 25, Fall 25 and Spring 26) over 8 weeks.

- Spring 25 cohort- March 31st through May 9th
- Meeting dates and deadlines to be established with cohort
- Subsequent cohorts will establish their time frame, meeting dates and deadlines

Please contact Laurie Ray [(919) 636-1827 or laurie.ray@dpi.nc.gov] with any questions.

From the Center for Safer Schools

School Safety Grant Awards (PRC 0040)

All the NC CFSS School Safety Grant award letters have been issued to Superintendents and the contact listed in CCIP. We received an ask of over 86M with 29M to award.

To receive notifications and CCIP emails please ensure your CCIP contact is current. Karen Everett has weekly virtual office hours to answer any grant questions and concerns every Wednesday from 10-11am. Please [register online](#).

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- State PRC 0036 – Charter Schools – Paid Parental Leave Substitute Reimbursements for IPS
- Federal PRC Approvals received as of March 21, 2025

Final transportation allotments (PRC 0056) will be executed by the end of next week.

FY2025-26 State Planning Allotments

Planning Allotments will be posted Monday, March 31st; we acknowledge and thank you for your continued patience during the State Planning process.

To facilitate planning allotments, SBS will hold the following webinars for both LEAs and Charters starting next week:

- LEA Finance Officers - **Tuesday, April 1st** at the NCASBO biweekly Zoom call
- Charter School Directors and Finance Directors: SBS will join the **Tuesday, April 15th** Office Hours Session hosted by the Office of Charter Schools from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M.

All PSUs are strongly encouraged to attend their respective sessions.

Economically Disadvantaged Public School Support Funds (PRC 0251)

These funds support the efforts of qualifying economically disadvantaged public schools to continue to exceed growth in subsequent school years.

The allotment was disbursed on March 19, 2025. The recipient list can be found on our [Allotments page](#).

Please see the [Allotment Policy Manual](#) for additional information.

If you have general allotment questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

Upcoming Webinar: ESSER Annual Performance Report – All PSUs

Per U.S. Department of Education (US ED), **ALL PSUs** that received ESSER funding (ESSERs I, II, and III), are **REQUIRED** to report annually on financial, student, and staffing information.

Federal Programs and School Business Services (SBS) will cohost a collaborative [Webinar on completing the ESSER Annual Performance Report \(APR\)](#) data collection forms.

Date and Time: Thursday, April 3rd, from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Who should attend:

- LEA Finance Officers
- Charter/Regional/Lab School Directors and Finance Directors
- Student Information Systems (SIS) Directors/Data Coordinators
- Federal Programs Managers/Directors

The ESSER data collection forms with Instructions document will be available next week. The completed forms are due **April 17, 2025**.

Hurricane Helene Updates

Disaster Recovery Act Summary and Guidance Revisions

An updated summary document has been posted to the [What's New section](#) of our website. The following changes were included:

- School Nutrition Compensation
 - School Nutrition employees and contractors should be compensated for:
 - Instructional days deemed completed due to Helene (SL2024-51 and SL2024-53)
 - Instructional days deemed completed in December through February for the PSUs in the counties listed in the Winter Inclement Weather item below, as allowed under SL2025-2
 - Any remote instructional days utilized under SL2024-51 (per SL2025-2); this includes both Helene-impacted PSUs and Potential Tropical Cyclone 8 (PTC8) PSUs in Brunswick and New Hanover counties
- School Nutrition Equipment Guidance - REVISED CODING:
 - You may code this to Fund 8 - PRC 0230. That may make it easier to match the revenues to the expenditures since it is not School Nutrition Traditional funds and these are state disaster relief funds. Use Revenue Code: 32000 (Other State - not allotted). It will also enable DPI to pull your PRC 0230 expenditures and revenues for reporting purposes.

Winter Inclement Weather Days Survey - Select Helene PSUs Only

According to [Session Law 2025-2 Section 5.8](#), all PSUs, including Asheville City Schools and charter schools, in the counties below may deem an additional 10 missed days due to inclement weather as completed between December 2024 and February 2025:

- Ashe County
- Avery County
- Buncombe County
- Burke County
- Haywood County
- Henderson County
- Madison County
- McDowell County
- Mitchell County
- Rutherford County
- Transylvania County
- Watauga County
- Yancey County

All PSUs in those counties are required to complete the [Winter Inclement Weather Days survey](#) by **April 14, 2025**. The data will be reported to the General Assembly.

Please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov with any questions.

2025-2026 Instructional Start and End Dates - All PSUs

Please enter your school's instructional start and end dates for the 2025-26 school year into the SIS by **April 1, 2025**. All NC public schools, regardless of type, must provide a minimum of 185 days or 1,025 hours of instruction covering at least nine calendar months. This information is pulled from the SIS on April 2 to verify compliance with the law.

Most PSUs are required to comply with calendar start/end date requirements. Unless the PSU is in an exempt category (SASA, p.51) or has received an approved calendar waiver for the 2025-26 school year, the start date should be no earlier than August 25, 2025 and the end date should be no later than June 12, 2026. This information is pulled from the SIS on April 2 to verify compliance with the law.

For further questions, please contact studentaccounting@dpi.nc.gov.

SBS Summer Conference Save the Date and Hotel Group Rate

Our annual summer conference will be **Tuesday, July 22, 2025**. Please hold that date and be aware that it will be in a new location: [the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC](#).

The discounted [Room Block](#) is open and will be available until July 1st, so please jump on those rates and secure your room. Thank you for your continued participation in our conference! We will send out more information in the coming weeks.

From the Office of Federal Programs

21st Century Community Learning Centers: Important Update on 2nd and 3rd Installments

As announced in last week's listserv, all remaining second and third installments will be issued from Grant Year 2024 funds. We want to reassure you that **this adjustment does not impact your total grant award amount**. It only affects the **source of funds**, as NCDPI's Office of Federal Programs has identified remaining **Grant Year 2024 funds that must be spent first** before they expire on **September 30, 2025**.

To ensure a smooth transition and proper fund utilization, please follow the guidance below based on your subgrantee type:

For Non-LEAs (ERaCA Users):

- When submitting expenditure reimbursements in ERaCA, **select the Grant Year 2024 radio button first** to ensure these funds are fully expended before using Grant Year 2025 funds.
- Continue submitting reimbursement requests as usual. Once all Grant Year 2024 funds are expended, you may begin drawing from **Grant Year 2025** by selecting the corresponding radio button.

For LEAs (BAAS/LINQ Users):

- LEAs must **submit a budget (or revision) using Grant Year 2024 coding** in BAAS/LINQ for the total amount of Grant Year 2024 funds received.
- When drawing down funds, ensure that **Grant Year 2024 funds are spent first** before accessing any remaining Grant Year 2025 funds.

Reminder for Cohort 17 Subgrantees:

- At least 90% of your Grant Year 2024 funds must be drawn down before your summer installment will be issued.

We appreciate your attention to this update and your continued efforts in managing your grant funds effectively. If you have any questions, please reach out to Susan Brigman, Section Chief ~21st CCLC, at susan.brigman@dpi.nc.gov.

****The deadline for requesting a second or third installment is April 18, 2025.***

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04/01/2025	2025-2026 Instructional Start and End Dates	03/13/2025

LEAs

DUE DATE	TOPIC	NEWSLETTER
04/01/2025	Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) Grant Annual Reports	03/06/2025
04/17/2025	ABC Transfers	03/21/2025

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From the Office of Federal Programs

UPDATE: Title VI Compliance Certification Due Date Extension - All PSUs

On April 7, 2025 the U.S. Department of Education **offered an extension** for State Education Agencies to certify compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the responsibilities outlined in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard*. As part of this federal mandate, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction must collect certification responses from all public-school districts, charter schools and other special school leaders (e.g., residential, regional, lab) in North Carolina.

While we continue to evaluate this federal mandate, we are requesting that all local districts, charter school leaders and leaders of other special public schools complete the certification form confirming your district or school's compliance with federal anti-discrimination laws. This certification must be now submitted to NCDPI no later than **Wednesday, April 16, 2025**, to allow us time to meet the federal response requirement.

Directions for how to upload this certification into CCIP were sent out last week and can be found here:

FY 2025 FP-Consolidated application shell in [CCIP](https://ccip.schools.nc.gov) (<https://ccip.schools.nc.gov>).

To assist you, we've created a short four min. video walking through:

- How to locate the Federal Certification of Compliance with Title VI Requirements document in CCIP
- How to properly complete the document
- How to upload the completed and signed document into CCIP

Video Link: <https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/ldr.php?RCID=7f8cf71042479fca0e53c4d7dfb738cd>

Password: vJbQRG5B

We will follow up next week with additional guidance on this issue. We understand this request comes with a tight timeline, and we appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

April State Board Meeting Update

The NC State Board of Education (SBE) approved the changes to the Manuals below during its monthly meeting on April 3, 2025. The adjustments have been made in each manual and posted to our [What's New webpage](#).

State Allotment Policy Manual

- Definitions – Added Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation (PRC0071) to the list of Initial Allotments
- ABC Transfer of Funds – Clarify the position transfers from Program Enhancement Teachers (PRC 0004) to Classroom Teachers (PRC 0001)
- School Building Administration (PRC 0005) and Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation (PRC0071) – 6th pay period changed to 5th
- Digital Learning Initiative: Digital Literacy Solution (PRC 0078) – Extended the deadline to expend funds to March 31, 2025
- Hurricane Relief and Recovery (PRC 0230) – Updated policy for new School Extension Learning Recovery Program funding allocated by SL 2025-2

Salary Manual

- Helene Updates:
 - Section A - Part II: Changes and Legislation Impacting the 2023-25 Biennium was updated to include the four Hurricane Helene Relief Acts (SL 2024-51, 2024-53, 2024-57, and SL 2025-2)
 - Section F - Added code 55 to track staff absences for Hurricane Helene missed days and days deemed completed
- Section D: Added clarification to the National Boards for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Differential Pay policy

School Attendance and Student Accounting (SASA) Manual

- Chapter 7, School Calendar - Added sections with guidance on additional calendar flexibility per the Disaster Recovery Act of 2025, Part I

Disaster Recovery Update - Helene and PTC8 PSUs Only

SBS has updated our Disaster Recovery Act Summary and FAQ document to clarify funding for PRC 0230. As a reminder, SL2025-2 allowed PTC8 PSUs in Brunswick and New Hanover counties to receive PRC 0230 funds to compensate their School Nutrition employees and contractors for up to 10 remote days under SL2024-51.

We have also posted a School Extension and Learning Recovery Program (SELRP) FAQ to our [What's New page](#) to assist PSUs with planning their programs.

Please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov with any questions.

School Extension Learning Recovery Program (SELRP) Hurricane Helene - Selected PSUs Only

Per [SL 2025-2](#), the following LEAs are required to participate in the School Extension Learning Recovery Program (SELRP):

- Ashe County Schools
- Asheville City Schools
- Avery County Schools
- Buncombe County Schools
- Burke County Schools
- Haywood County Schools
- Henderson County Schools
- Madison County Schools
- McDowell County Schools
- Mitchell County Schools
- Rutherford County Schools
- Transylvania County Schools
- Watauga County Schools
- Yancey County Schools

The Charter Schools located in the counties listed above maybe elect to participate in the SELRP program.

Should charter schools, who have the option for participation, opt-out of the program, those funds will be redistributed to all PSUs who are participating in the program. The Office of Research will work with the PSUs impacted by this program as well as determine any charter schools who will be opting out of the program. Once the opt-out process is completed, the funds will be allocated in PRC 0230.

Posted on our website are the estimated planning allocations for this program. We have also posted a School Extension and Learning Recovery Program (SELRP) FAQ to our [What's New page](#) to assist PSUs with planning their programs. Please also see the guidance document created by the Office of Research.

Please contact Michael.Maher@dpi.nc.gov with any SELRP program questions. Questions about planning allotments can be directed to SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

YTD Zero Out Entries – All PSUs

Due to how the federal funds have to process with the Office of the State Controller, the cash transactions are processed as two separate batches on back-to-back days. Please wait for all batches to process for the week before looking at the data. Please document your general ledgers accordingly.

- March YTD State and negative Federal zero out entries will process on 4/10 for LEAs.
- March YTD positive Federal entries are scheduled to process on 4/11 for LEAs.
- All YTD Federal and YTD State zero out entries for IPSs are scheduled to process on 4/11.

Contact CashMgt@dpi.nc.gov for zero out questions.

Allotment Update

FY2025-26 State Planning Allotments

Planning Allotments were posted Thursday, April 3rd; we acknowledge and thank you for your continued patience during the State Planning process.

Thank you to everyone who attended the LEA Planning Webinar this week. We have posted the presentation to our [What's New page](#).

To facilitate planning allotments, SBS will hold the following webinar next week:

- Charter/Regional/Laboratory School Directors and Finance Directors: SBS will join the Tuesday, April 15th Office Hours Session hosted by the Office of Charter Schools from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M.
 - Please [join the meeting with this link](#)

All Charter, Lab, and Regional Schools are strongly encouraged to attend.

ABC Transfers

The March 21st newsletter may have caused confusion regarding the ABC transfer deadline notice. ABC Transfers are being processed monthly. The deadline for April transfer submissions in the Allotment System is **April 17th at midnight**. The current deadline for May submissions is **Friday, May 16th** (midnight). This is the last main ABC transfer deadline to ensure your May reports reflect your allotments for the close out. Due to the Salary Audit work we will accept final ABC transfers through **June 12th**, this year only due to the circumstances.

Please contact Allotments@dpi.nc.gov with any questions.

ESSER Annual Performance Report Discontinued – All PSUs

The US Department of Education has discontinued all ESSER reporting, effective immediately. Please see the communication from USED below for more information.

We would recommend that all PSUs retain their records for these federal funds for the audit period. The ESSER Survey and Reporting is no longer required. We will be taking the current ESSER Survey instruments off the website. Thank you for your patience and for your reporting of this important data. If you have any questions please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

NCDPI will, however, need to collect some data required for Learning Loss under the governing legislation for compliance purposes. We will be sending out more information next week related to that requirement.

From: ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport <ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov>
Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 11:14 AM
To: ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport <ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov>
Subject: Important Notice Regarding the ESSER Annual Performance Report

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your continued efforts to support the administration of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.

The U.S. Department of Education has discontinued annual performance reporting (APR) for ESSER and, as a result, we will not collect APR data for FY 2024 and any years after. The FY 2023 re-open originally planned for later this year is also discontinued.

If you need records of your prior APR submissions, please download any files from your prior submissions from the [ESF data collection system](#) by the end of this month (April 30, 2025), because these files may not be available in the system after that date.

Note that this communication is only related to the ESSER APRs, and you will need to contact the appropriate mailbox with questions related to non-APR Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) grant implementation activities:

- [GEER](#), [ESSER](#) and [EANS](#): ESSERF@ed.gov
- [HCY](#): HomelessED@ed.gov
- [Outlying areas](#): ESF.Outlying@ed.gov

Thank you,

Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) Reporting Helpdesk
Telephone: 1-866-890-0913
Email: ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov

Invalid Account Codes Monthly Financial Report (MFR) Period 9 – All PSUs

The MFR data for Period 9 (March 2025) have posted to [SBS DART](#).

Please check the report “**PSU Invalid Codes**” and make corrections to be submitted with the next MFR data file submission (due 5/2/2025). MFR records with invalid account codes are not loaded into the Cash App, which impacts the cash amounts during the monthly zero-out.

Please DO NOT RESUBMIT the MFR data file for Period 9 or any other previous periods.

If there are questions or concerns, please send to SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

Salary Audit/LicSal Update

SBS sent out blasts on the following topics and new reports to Finance Officers last week. For more information, please reach out to your LEA's Finance Officer.

- Projected YTD Salary Calculator
- Compliance Validation Reports
 - Stopped Sending Summary Record Report
 - Stopped Sending Summary Record Removed Report
 - Reporting Period Corrected
- LicSal: Calculating Salaries Guide
- Exception List
- Pay Period 09 Salary Load

We are working with the LEAs via Salary@dpi.nc.gov to schedule dedicated office hours to facilitate salary audit work with our team. We are creating an e-sign up tool to facilitate scheduling in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support and patience while we continue to implement system improvements.

SBS Summer Conference Save the Date and Hotel Group Rate

Our annual summer conference will be Tuesday, July 22, 2025. Please hold that date and be aware that it will be in a new location: [the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC](#).

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From the Office of School Facilities

April PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests - LEAs Only

Monthly distribution requests for PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF lottery revenue for Capital Projects are due by **April 24, 2025**. Signed request forms and questions about lottery capital funds should be directed to Dennis Hilton, PE, via email: dennis.hilton@dpi.nc.gov

From the Office of Exceptional Children

PRC 118 Allotments: Interpreter Stipend

Earlier this school year, the OEC collected information from PSUs regarding interpreters meeting the NC State Board of Education requirements to increase their EIPA scores on or before June 30, 2024. The OEC is pleased to announce that we are able to show our appreciation to each of these individuals by providing a one-time \$1500 stipend. These funds were allocated to PSUs with interpreters meeting these requirements last Friday, March 28, 2025, in PRC 0118.

The OEC has received inquiries about standard withholdings, including State and Federal income taxes, social security, retirement, etc., and inquiries regarding interpreters who meet the requirements but were not on the provided list.

Like an employee's salary, the stipend is subject to the standard withholdings including State and Federal income taxes, social security, retirement, etc. These funds will also be subject to local indirect cost. Based on this, Public School Units (PSUs) will be responsible for determining the final stipend after these deductions are made.

Finally, EC Administrators were notified about a potential stipend in three different September 2024 weekly updates and asked to provide the names of qualified individuals employed by the district. The OEC is providing this one-time stipend to those educational interpreters who were reported by their EC Administrator and met the requirement.

Please see the [list of the PSUs and the interpreters awarded the stipend](#). In order to allow PSUs the opportunity to process and distribute these funds, this notification to EC Administrators is the only communication that has occurred from the OEC to date. Please communicate with the interpreters

receiving this stipend and extend our appreciation for the work that they have done and will continue to do to support our students.

Questions? Contact SBS.

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FY 2026 Legislative Update - All PSUs

The Senate released their [budget \(SB257\)](#) earlier this week. To assist PSUs, we have posted a summary of those appropriations to public schools on our [What's New page](#), including their proposed salary increases for PSU staff, compared to the Governor's recommendations. The House has not yet released their budget at this time; however, we will continue to provide updates via our newsletters as the long session progresses. Please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

FY2024-25 Allotment Update - All PSUs

The following items of interest are being allotted next week:

- Various State PRCs – ABC Transfers and other conversion requests
- Federal PRC Allotment approvals as received

FY2025-26 State Planning Allotments

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our planning webinars. We have posted the presentations to our [What's New page](#) for those that couldn't attend.

Additional Planning information and resources have also been published to the same section. Planning inquiries are still being compiled for updates to the FAQ document.

FY2025-26 Federal Planning Allotments

Federal Planning allotments are underway, status updates will be provided via newsletter or email blast. Please use prior year information and indirect cost rates for planning until those items can be updated.

If you have general allotment questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

ESSER Expenditure Overages – All PSUs

So that we can FINALIZE the reporting for ESSER Funds, we need all the PSUs to have a focus on clearing expenditure overages for your ESSER Grants so that the April Datafiles reflect final expenditures accurately. None of these corrections should involve cash, as all cash was provided up to your authorized funding levels and these are simply expenditures reported over those authorized allotments in your MFR files.

What reports can PSUs use to locate expenditure overages for ESSER Funds?

A. Expenditure and Allotments Data for 2024-2025 worksheet

1. Navigate to [COVID Funds Section](#) of the website
2. Look under Expenditure and Allotment and
3. Download the report
4. Go to the green Expenditures_PSU tab
5. Type the PSU number in the green filter at the top of the spreadsheet
6. Filter to see the negatives in the column labeled "\$ Balance"
7. Move expenditures to an allowable Fund and PRC

or

B. The PSU Overspent PRCs – Expenditures

1. Navigate to [SBS Data Analysis and Reporting Tool \(SBS DART\)](#)
2. Select Report 106. PSU Overspent PRCs – Expenditures
3. Download To Excel
4. Filter ESSER PRCs
5. Move expenditures to an allowable Fund and PRC

Please move these expenditures so that these reports will no longer reflect as overspent.

These reports do not reflect cash that has been received. This is not a refund of cash. Nor can the change require any cash from these closed federal grants. The expectation is that PSUs move ESSER expenditure overages and have the changes reflected in April's data files.

If you have questions, please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

PRC 181 Required 20% Set-Aside to Address Learning Loss - All PSUs

Despite U.S. Department of Education (USED) discontinuing the annual reporting of ESSER funding, NCDPI is still required to ensure legislative compliance with the use of ESSER funds as written in federal legislation. To ensure both NCDPI and the PSUs meet this compliance requirement, we are requesting the PSUs to complete this survey.

All PSUs with allotments for PRC 181 should complete the survey. This survey is similar to the ESSER annual reporting forms but focused solely on PRC 181 Learning Loss. To complete, you will need data on expenditures for PRC 181, categorized by activities/interventions to address Learning Loss, from March 2020 to March 2025. (See Instructions document for list of activities/interventions.) It may also be helpful to have the approved budget/plan for PRC 181.

The survey form and the Instructions document have been posted to the NCDPI website under "[What's New](#)." (Scroll down the page to the section titled "PRC 181 Learning Loss.")

Please read the Instructions document on how to complete the form and definitions. All completed forms are due by **May 31, 2025**, and can be submitted online at [PRC 181 Learning Loss](#).

If there are questions about completing the PRC 181 Learning Loss report, please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

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05/16/2025	May ABC Transfers	04/10/2025
06/12/2025	Final ABC Transfers	04/10/2025

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April Datafile Submissions - All PSUs

DPI will begin processing all data files at 8:00 AM on Monday, May 5, 2025. Please make every effort to submit the data files by **May 2, 2025**. Delayed responses pause the processing for **ALL** PSUs.

In addition, someone **must** be available on-site **Monday and Tuesday, May 5th and 6th**, to answer questions related to data files; however, on-site contacts over the weekend are not necessary at this time.

Helene PSUs

Please make sure all School Nutrition salary reimbursements/payments are posted in your April Datafiles if at all possible. We want to close out that funding stream with the April data so that funding can be redirected towards other Helene relief efforts for the public schools. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

From the Office of Federal Programs

PRC 081 Transportation Reserve for Homeless and Foster Students

The Transportation Reserve for Homeless and Foster Students (PRC 0081) allotments are scheduled for approval on the May State Board of Education agenda. These funds are intended to reimburse Public School Units (PSUs) for extraordinary transportation costs already incurred in providing services to students experiencing homelessness or in foster care.

A brief application will be required prior to accessing funds. Additional details and instructions will be provided by Federal Programs.

For questions regarding the application process (statement of assurances), please contact Alessandro Montanari at alessandro.montanari@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Office of Career and Technical Education

PRC079 Innovation and Grade Expansion Grant Applications

The Education and Workforce Innovation Commission Grants (both under PRC079), the Innovation Grant and the CTE Grade Expansion Grant, applications for the 2025-26 grant year are now open. The applications will close on **Friday, May 16, 2025 at 5:00 pm**. There will be no deadline extensions for any circumstances.

There are two notable changes to the applications and programs this year:

1. The applications will be housed in Google Forms. The applications are not in NCCCIP this year. The link to the applications is forthcoming.
2. The funding amounts available to each applicant for both grants have increased; folks may apply for up to \$65,000 for the CTE Grade Expansion Grant and \$100,000 for the Innovation Grant. Please remember the Innovation Grant requires a 50% match.

Disclaimer: These applications are being released prior to the official passing of the 2025 budget from the North Carolina General Assembly. With that, grant funding is subject to the final state budget allowances. Awards will not be distributed until after budget certification.

Application links:

1. [Innovation Grant Application](#)
2. [Grade Expansion Application](#)

Open Office Hours: (for applicants to drop in to ask Jacqueline Wyatt questions about the applications, grants, etc.) May 2, 2025 – 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Attached to this announcement is [the document you will need to understand the new application process](#).

If you have any questions about these two grants, please contact Jacqueline Wyatt at Jacqueline.Wyatt@dpi.nc.gov.

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The survey form and the Instructions document have been posted to the NCDPI website under [“What’s New.”](#) (Scroll down the page to the section titled “PRC 181 Learning Loss.”)

Please read the Instructions document on how to complete the form and definitions. All completed forms are due by **May 31, 2025**, and can be submitted online at [PRC 181 Learning Loss](#).

If there are questions about completing the PRC 181 Learning Loss report, please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

SBS Summer Conference Save the Date and Hotel Group Rate

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The discounted [Room Block](#) is open and will be available until **July 1st**, so please jump on those rates and secure your room. Thank you for your continued participation in our conference! We will send out more information in the coming weeks.

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1. Download the form by right clicking on the links and select "Save link as." Save the file in a folder of your choosing.
2. After downloading, double click to open the form.
3. After opening the form, click on the "Enable Editing" button at the top of the page.
4. Go to column A and row 3, then click on the down arrow button to select your PSU ID number. This should bring up the pre-populated data for your school district, in columns A to K.
5. Columns A through I, and column K are locked. Enter or modify data only in the columns that are not locked.

Please read the "Instructions" document as it will provide step by step directions as well definitions to terms.

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From the Office of Enterprise Data and Reporting

Legislative Class Size SIS Report

The Legislative Class Size (LCS) report itself is reporting correctly. PSUs may use this report to verify their class size data to ensure accuracy while the issues with the Class Size Average report are being addressed.

DPI is investigating the following issues with the Legislative Class Size Average Report:

- While the **student count per class is accurate, the average class size is being calculated based on an incorrect section count**, which may result in misleading averages.
- Additionally, there is a known issue regarding the calculation of sections with combo classes in the summary report. The lead teacher is counting in both grade levels in the teacher count.
- The Individual and PSU Class Size Average overage violation reports seem to have a calculation error.
 - Over the Individual Class Size Maximum
 - Over the PSU-wide Maximum Average

Our team is actively working with the vendor to address these issues and will provide updates once a resolution is in place.

Please be reminded that the Legislative Class Size (LCS) report itself is reporting correctly and can be used to **verify the class size data to ensure accuracy**.

If you have concerns related to the required attestation or reporting, please submit your concerns, steps you've actively taken to ensure class size requirements, and other pertinent information with that attestation, etc. That can be submitted to Studentaccounting@dpi.nc.gov. Please be specific related to school, class, etc.

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Announcing the New SBS Blue Book - All PSUs

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Invalid Account Codes: MFR Period 10 – All PSUs

The MFR data for Period 10 (April 2025) have posted to the [DART website](#). Please check the report "102. PSU Invalid Codes – Current Reporting Period" under "PSU Reports" for the list of records which require corrections. The corrections should be submitted with the next MFR data file submission (**due June 3, 2025**). MFR records with invalid account codes are not loaded into the Cash App, which impacts the amounts for monthly zero-out.

Please DO NOT RESUBMIT the MFR data file for Period 10 or any other previous periods.

Overspent PRCs

As we close the year, please pay attention to your overspent PRCs and get those expenditures corrected by the end of the next reporting period. This would involve an adjusting journal entry. The report is titled "106. PSU Overspent PRCs - Expenditures" in the SBS DART.

If there are questions or concerns on the data files, please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov. If you are experiencing difficulties or need access to the DART website, please contact SBSDART@dpi.nc.gov.

FY2024-25 Allotment Update - All PSUs

The following items of interest are being allotted this week:

- State PRC 0081 – Transportation Reserve for Homeless and Foster Students – SBE Approved Allocations
- Federal PRC Allotment approvals as received

FY2024-25 Year-end Allotments

Due to current system issues affecting the timing of year-end financial actions for DPI and PSUs, Allotment revisions will be processed as needed to meet extenuating needs. However, we have communicated to other Divisions and Offices that all allotment requests be submitted to the Allotment Section by Wednesday, June 18th.

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SBS DART Update - All PSUs

It has come to our attention that some districts are not seeing SBS DART in the intended format. If you are not seeing DART as pictured below with dropdown menus, you may need to ensure ncdpi.github.io is not blocked by your IT department. You will want to reach out to your IT team to make sure that address is whitelisted.



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YTD Zero Out Entries – All PSUs

Due to how the federal funds have to process with the Office of the State Controller, the cash transactions are processed as two separate batches on back-to-back days. Please wait for all batches to process for the week before looking at the data. Please document your general ledgers accordingly.

- April YTD State and negative Federal zero out entries will process on 5/8 for LEAs.

- April YTD positive Federal entries are scheduled to process on 5/9 for LEAs.
- All YTD Federal and YTD State zero out entries for IPSs are scheduled to process on 5/9.

Contact CashMgt@dpi.nc.gov for zero out questions.

SBS Year-End Updates

Urgent: End of Year Cash Request Process Update - All PSUs

As we close the year SBS has been asked to implement an extra review process before processing state cash requests.

- We will review your cash requests weekly, using the Total MTD Cash requests each week and comparing that amount to a few metrics.
- Our reasonability baseline is being set at 5% ABOVE your LEAs prior month of expenditures (April 2025) or 5 % ABOVE your LEA's YTD monthly average (July 2024-April 2025), whichever is higher.
- Additional funding WILL NOT be granted without supporting documentation reflecting expenditures to substantiate your request if it exceeds the baseline amount and our metrics.
 - LEAs who exceed their maximum baseline amount will receive email notification that their cash request will be adjusted accordingly.
 - These LEAs will have already then received their maximum cash based on our baseline.
 - In addition your access to request additional state funds will be removed, until the next months cycle, pending supporting documentation to justify additional cash for the month.
 - Should anyone require additional funds, please send your documentation to SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.
 - If approved, we will transact a State Cash request on your behalf and provide you that notification.
- Should you be concerned related to next week's cash request with FRD of 5/16/2025 and this review, we will happily accept advanced documentation as soon as you have that ready. We would like to be pro-active, if possible, to get your cash approved or discuss the documentation before our deadlines next week.

We need to work together to make sure that we are REASONABLE with our cash requests from the State and that we do not exceed our authority. No one will not have cash for payroll or for your legitimate checks. We need your help in May and June related to these measures we are being asked to implement.

Friendly reminders when ordering cash:

- Do not order extra cash.
- Request what your LEA needs for
- May expenditures within May FRDs and .
- June expenditures within June FRDs

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From the Office of School Facilities

May PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests - LEAs Only

Monthly distribution requests for PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF lottery revenue for Capital Projects are due by **May 26, 2025**. Signed request forms and questions about lottery capital funds should be directed to Dennis Hilton, PE, via email: dennis.hilton@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Office of School Nutrition

Submission of School Nutrition Financial Report FC1-A - LEAs Only

School Nutrition Administrators: This is a reminder that the Traditional School Districts (LEA's) are required to submit their FY 2024-25 3rd Quarter Financial Report (FC1-A) via the School Nutrition Technology System (SNTS) **by May 16, 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact SchoolNutrition@dpi.nc.gov.

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TIP: Months Used Report - All LEAs

Please remember that adjustments to prior periods appear in the most recent month, not necessarily in the adjusted month. Look at the updated ANNUAL MONTHS USED to validate that the number is correct compared to your allocations and then to your remaining balance.

The system cannot post corrections to prior periods due to various changes in other systems at the state and local levels. For this reason, you should review all audit reports, exceptions, and months used balances on an annualized basis instead of by check or period.

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FY2024-25 Allotment Update: All PSUs

FY2024-25 Year-End Actions: ABC Transfers

The ABC deadline for the month of May is still midnight on Friday the 16th; these items will be processed by May 21st.

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PRC 0032 Children with Disabilities (CWD) FY2025-26 Planning Allotments

State PRC 0032 CWD allotment is comprised of School-Age and Preschool allotments aggregated into one amount. Preschool and School-Age calculations are based on the December headcount of the previous year; Preschool utilizes PK3-PK5 headcount while School-Age allotments are based on the age 5-21 data. Headcount (also known as child count) is sourced from the Every Child Accountability & Tracking System (ECATS) and verified by the Office of Exceptional Children. Any authorized amendments or finalization to the headcount data will be reflected at Initial Allotment.

The Allotted ADM is also a driving factor since the actual funded headcount is determined by the lesser of the December headcount or an overall 13.00% cap of the Allotted ADM. Units whose headcount exceeds the 13.00% cap will have a Dollars per Headcount factor lower than the budgeted headcount funding factor which can result in a smaller allotment than expected.

The FY25 Initial Allotment funding factor for PRC 0032 was \$5,365.09 and the FY26 Planning Allotment funding factor is \$5,472.39; an increase of 2.0%. The mid-year adjustment in FY25 was a one-time appropriation, and the planning amounts for PRC 0032 represent the anticipated budget for FY26. A decrease in estimated EC funding could be due to a drop in reported headcount (school-age and/or pre-K) or an adjusted funding rate due to the 13.00% cap.

Courtesy FYI: This is a joint message prepared and shared through the listservs maintained by NCDPI Finance and Business Services and OEC.

OEC Special Federal- and State-Funded Programs

The OEC is continuing its efforts to streamline the process for its special grant funds awarded through PRC 0118, PRC 0119 State-level Activities, and PRC 0029 Behavioral Support. [OEC Funding for Exceptional Children](#)

While applications for these funds have historically opened around this time each year, new timelines are being established as the criteria for these awards are being reviewed, revised, and budgeted in consideration of the pending federal and state budget appropriations.

As a reminder, these funds are not guaranteed annually. To mitigate this change in process, the OEC will be allocating additional federal funds from Grant Years 2024 and 2025 to all PSUs in the coming weeks. These allocations reflect the OEC's commitment to leverage state-level activities using our federal award to support LEAs when changes in process or counts impact subgrantee formula funding and provide extended periods of performance for the use of federal dollars at the local level.

It is highly recommended that LEAs apply the principles of "FIFO" - first in, first out - for allowable expenses identified in the approved IDEA grant for the associated grant year when these additional funds become available.

Courtesy FYI - The OEC will be sharing this information via other listservs hosted by NCDPI, especially those in which Finance Officers are the intended audience.

SBS Year-End Updates

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New Cash App Features & Fiscal Year Closeout Information Webinar - All PSUs

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Upon approval of the Planning Allotments, they will be posted online in DART. We anticipate this will be completed by the middle of next week.

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PRC 181 Learning Loss Due May 31, 2025 - All PSUs

The PRC 181 Learning Loss survey is due **May 31, 2025**. If you have not done so already, please complete and submit as soon as possible.

The PRC 181 Learning Loss survey focuses solely on expenditures for Learning Loss from PRC 181 (Fund source: Federal). To complete, you will need expenditures data for PRC 181, categorized by activities/interventions to address Learning Loss, from March 2020 to March 2025. (See Instructions document for list of activities/interventions.) It may also be helpful to have the approved budget/plan for PRC 181.

The survey and the Instructions document can also be downloaded from the NCDPI website, in "[What's New](#)." (Scroll down the page to the section titled "PRC 181 Learning Loss.") Please read the "Instructions" document as it will provide step by step directions as well definitions to terms.

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Things to consider regarding Planning Allotments:

- **Remember that planning allotments are not a guarantee of funding and may be subject to change based on changes in federal or state allocations. In this period of heightened uncertainty around federal allocations, please proceed with caution.**
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From the Office of School Facilities

June PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests - LEAs Only

Monthly distribution requests for PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF lottery revenue for Capital Projects are due by **June 25, 2025**. Signed request forms and questions about lottery capital funds should be directed to Dennis Hilton, PE, via email: dennis.hilton@dpi.nc.gov

From the Office of Digital Teaching and Learning

NCED Connect Opt-In (formerly Home Base) is now OPEN!

The NC Department of Public Instruction is pleased to announce that the NCED Connect (formerly Home Base) Opt-in Process is now OPEN! Finance officers and charter school directors/principals may begin opting into NCED Connect for their PSU once the window opens. Please see [the full announcement](#) and share with the appropriate staff.

Note: Only finance officers and charter directors/principals should opt-in for their PSU.

Please visit the [Opt-in Website](#) for detailed information concerning the NCED Connect Opt-in Process. Questions may be directed to ncedconnect@dpi.nc.gov or jennifer.causey@dpi.nc.gov.

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FY2024-25 Allotment Update - All PSUs

The following items of interest are being allotted this Friday:

- State PRC 0230 – Hurricane Relief and Recovery - School Nutrition Personnel Sure-Up as of May Data Files

The following items of interest are being allotted next week:

- Manual Transfer & Conversion Requests (i.e., IFE, CFST, PET, and SHP)
 - Please have all submissions to the general allotment email by close of day **Tuesday, June 17th**. This will be the last opportunity to make these transfers and conversions for FY25.
- ABC Transfers
 - ABC deadline is still **Wednesday, June 18th at midnight**

If you have general allotment questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

Refunds – All PSUs

The Program Support Team has processed all manual refunds we have received for closed PRCs in the Cash App.

Next week, an autogenerated email will be sent to PSUs who have remaining cash overages. The expectation is for PSUs to make all corrections ASAP to close out fiscal year 2025.

How do I know if my PSU has a cash overage?

1. Open Cash App
2. Go to Data Inquiry

3. Select 10. Cash Overage

- Overages for Closed PRCs will be highlighted in blue with the following note: *Send check and refund form to DPI*
- Overages for Open PRCs will have the following note: *Create negative entry in the Cash App*

How do I know if a refund has been processed?

1. Open Cash App
2. Go to Data Inquiry
3. Select 11. Manual Refund

- View the Manual Refund history with notes referencing your PSU's check number and Refund and Repayment Form number

How do I process a refund?

- Refer to the [What's New Section](#) of our website for guidance
 - Fiscal Year Closeout Information and New Cash App Features - May 29, 2025
 - [Presentation Slides](#)
 - [Link to Webinar](#) / Password: 7Vnqm9vh

Please contact CashMgt@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

LicSal Tip: Months Used Report - All LEAs

Please remember that adjustments to prior periods appear in the most recent month, not necessarily in the adjusted month. Look at the updated ANNUAL MONTHS USED to validate that the number is correct compared to your allocations and then to your remaining balance.

The system cannot post corrections to prior periods due to various changes in other systems at the state and local levels. For this reason, you should review all audit reports, exceptions, and months used balances on an annualized basis instead of by check or period.

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Required Confirmation of Annual Audit Engagement - All PSUs

The [mandatory Auditor Questionnaire](#) was due June 6, 2025 and is **now past due**. This questionnaire verifies that each PSU has engaged, or is in the process of engaging, an independent certified public accountant for the annual financial audit covering the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, per state financial oversight requirements and audit timelines.

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Book Drive

FBS will be collecting books for all ages to benefit the Helene-impacted PSUs. Please bring any new or gently used books you'd like to donate to the conference. Thank you in advance for your support!

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FY 25-26 Indirect Cost Rates

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Fiscal Year Core Banking Wire Transfer Deadline - LEAs Only

The fiscal year deadlines for wire transfers is established by the State Treasurer's Office.

In the [Banking Services Handbook](#), page 44 indicates that all funds transfers must be submitted on Core Banking prior to 10 a.m. on the effective date of the payment.

For additional Core Banking information, visit <https://www.nctreasurer.gov/divisions/financial-operations/banking>.

Contact CashMgt@dpi.nc.gov for cash inquiries.

Invalid Account Codes: MFR Period 11 – All PSUs

The MFR data for Period 11 (May 2025) have posted to the [DART website](#).

Please check the report "102. PSU Invalid Codes – Current Reporting Period" under "PSU Reports" for the list of records which require corrections. The corrections should be submitted with the Final FY25 MFR data file submission (**due June 30, 2025**). MFR records with invalid account codes are not loaded into the Cash App, which impacts the amounts for monthly zero-out. PSUs will not receive cash for invalid account codes.

Please DO NOT RESUBMIT the MFR data file for Period 11 or any other previous periods.

Assistant Principal Interns: MSA Students (PRC 0067) - LEAs Only

According to the [Allotment Policy Manual](#), please note that the individuals coded to state PRC 0067 are not recognized as full-time employees of the school system and are not eligible for hospitalization (object code 02310) or retirement contributions (object code 02210).

Please correct your invalid account codes located within the DART system accordingly.

Overspent PRCs

As we close the year, please pay attention to your overspent PRCs and get those expenditures corrected by the end of the reporting period. This would involve an adjusting journal entry. The report is titled "106. PSU Overspent PRCs - Expenditures" in the SBS DART. If you do not move your expenditures in your June datafiles, DPI may move them to local funds.

If there are questions or concerns on the data files, please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

If you are experiencing difficulties or need access to the DART website, please contact SBSDART@dpi.nc.gov.

FY 25-26 Carryforward Programs Requested (remaining balances from FY 2024-25)

State Fund carryover, also known as carryforward, must be requested from OSBM annually. The table of the State PRCs that were submitted in the FY25 to FY26 carryover request has been posted to our [What's New webpage](#).

Cash App Fiscal Year 2026 Updates – All PSUs

Fiscal Year 2026 is now available in the Cash App! The FY 2025 CASH Reports are now under PRIOR YEAR Reports so we could open the app for requesting July funds.

When is the first FRD of 2026?

- The first FRD of 2026 is Thursday, 7/3/2025, **for LEAs only**. The deadline to request cash is on **Monday, 6/30/2026, by 11:45PM**.

Are there restrictions on the first 7/3/2025 FRD?

- Yes, this is available for LEAs only.
- The Cash App will not allow restricted cash requests and a message will appear.

What are the restrictions on the first 7/3/2025 FRD?

- STATE CASH
 - Only LEAs can request cash until the Authority to Draw (ATD) balances are established.
 - LEAs can request State cash to cover their hospitalization payments.

- IPSs cannot request State Cash because the 2026 fiscal year ATD balances are not available.
 - DPI has to finalize fiscal year 2025.
- **FEDERAL CASH**
 - Federal cash cannot be requested because the 2026 fiscal year ATD balances are not available.
 - DPI has to finalize fiscal year 2025.
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 - If PSUs did not request Local Cash by the FY2025 FRD deadline, they can request it in on the first FRD in FY2026.
 - This will be a reconciling item in FY2025.
 - The Local Cash transaction in the Cash App moves funds from Local to State only.
 - The Core Banking transaction moves funds from State to Local only.

Cash App Prior Year Reports – All PSUs

Fiscal Year 2026 is now available in the Cash App! Now that the fiscal year has changed from 2025 to 2026, the Cash App has been updated to include a new section: Data Inquiry – Prior Years.

How can I see the prior year reports?

1. Open the Cash App
2. Go to Data inquiry – Prior Years
3. Select a report

What reports are available in the Data Inquiry – Prior Years section?

PSUs can access two (2) prior year reports:

- 20. All Cash Requests
- 21. Funds Available to Draw

What is in the 20. All Cash Requests Reports?

- PSUs can access all cash requests that have been entered from fiscal year 2025.
 - This is where this historical information will be located for future prior years.
- PSUs can filter by fiscal year, FRD, PRC Type, PRC Number, Grant Year, Request Type (Payroll Expense or General Expense), Request Date, Request Person, Approved Amount, Approval Date and Status.

What is in the 21. Funds Available to Draw Report?

- PSUs can access information on Allotments, Cash Approved, Available to Draw and Cash Overages from fiscal year 2025.
 - This is where this historical information will be located for future prior years.

- PSUs can filter by PRC Type, PRC Number, PRC Name, Grant Year, Allotment, Cash Approved, Available to Draw and Cash Overage.

For additional questions, please email CashMgt@dpi.nc.gov.

SBS Year-End Updates

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Monday	6/30/25	ALL	PSUs submit June data files prior to midnight
Tuesday	7/1/25	ALL	DPI will pull all data files after 12:01AM
Wednesday	7/2/25	LEAs	PSU correction period to correct data files – PSR file must be submitted.
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EDDIE Updates and Year-End - All PSUs

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From the Office of School Facilities

July PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests - LEAs Only

Monthly distribution requests for PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF lottery revenue for Capital Projects are due by **July 25, 2025**. Signed request forms and questions about lottery capital funds should be directed to Dennis Hilton, PE, via email: dennis.hilton@dpi.nc.gov.

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Federal Allotments

DPI received notification from the US Department of Education earlier this week that we would not be receiving Grant Awards for several federal programs we were anticipating receiving on July 1st. At this time we have no information about whether we will be receiving these funds for Grant Year 2026. If we receive additional information from the federal government, we will update you as soon as possible. More information about which PRCs are affected can be found [here](#).

Overspent PRCs and Invalid Codes - LEAs Only

If you have overspent PRCs, invalid codes, or missing grant years, those need to be corrected and a new MFR will need to be submitted **prior to 12am midnight tonight**.

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Other DPI Items - From the Office of School Nutrition

Eligibility for Free or Reduced Price Meals in the National School Lunch Program

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From the Office of State Budget and Management

Subsistence Rates for State Travel Updated for 2025-27

On July 1 of each odd-numbered year, OSBM sets the standard maximum state reimbursement rate (called the subsistence rate) for travel on state business. Effective July 1, the daily allowable amount for in-state travel is \$143.10 and \$163.40 for out-of-state travel. These rates cover meals and lodging. For more information read our [recent guidance memo](#).

State agency heads may request authorization to set agency-specific reimbursement rates for lodging and meals expenditures up to the U.S. General Service Administration's (GSA) subsistence rates. To be

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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

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Allotments Update

Preliminary Initial Allotment Webinar - IPS Only

To facilitate preliminary initial allotments, SBS will hold a webinar for all charter schools on Wednesday, July 23rd at 11 am. Please [join the meeting at this link](#).

State Funds FY 25-26 - All PSUs

- State Preliminary Initial Allotments will be available no later than the morning of July 14th for All LEAs.
- The IPS allotments will be available no later than the morning of July 15th.
- Categorical Allotments such as Exceptional Children, LEP, etc. will post by Friday, July 18th for all PSUs.

State Funds Carryover FY 24-25: Reminder these funds have to be approved by the Office of State Budget & Management (OSBM). As soon as we have approval and authority to allocate those funds, we will let you know. That process takes several weeks as the state continues its close-out process through the month of July.

Federal Grants FY 24-25

We are also posting your Federal Grant Year **Remaining Balances** for Grant Year 25 and earlier tomorrow July 11th. You will be able to see those remaining balances as your updated Authority to Draw in the Cash App by Monday July 14th.

ERaCa Update: FY 24-25 Remaining Balances

ERaCA system is up as of July 11, 2025. Non-units who use the ERaCA system can enter cash draws on remaining balances from federal grants. Thank you for your patience as we complete close out, move our systems to FY 25-26, and refresh the remaining balance amounts on open federal grants.

Federal Grants FY 25-26: Grant Year 26

We have pulled out the Planning Allotments for the Federal grants for which we have not received GANs. We are checking with CCIP and IT as to how to get that refreshed in the CCIP application. We will send out

communication once we know more from that area. Per Federal Programs they cannot accept applications or budgets for those grants since we do not have an approved GAN at this time.

We have the information related to these grants on our [website](#).

Other Grant Year 26 funds for which we have received GANS are being finalized and moving through our approval process with the appropriate program areas. We hope to get those funds distributed soon.

From the Office of Federal Programs

Federal Grants Update

On June 30, 2025, the U.S. Department of Education (USED) issued a notice that, due to the change in Administration, it is currently reviewing federal FY 2025 (school year 2025-26) funding decisions for approximately \$168,765,433* for the following federal grant programs:

- Title I, Part C (Education of Migratory Children) - \$5,356,426*
- Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction) - \$67,906,396*
- Title III, Part A (English Language Acquisition) - \$19,338,744*
- Title IV, Part A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment) - \$37,245,499*
- Title IV, Part B (21st Century Community Learning Centers) - \$38,918,368*

*Funding amounts are estimates based on 2024-25 awards.

The USED stated that no Grant Award Notifications (GANs), which include states' access to funds, would be issued to states for these programs on July 1, 2025, as originally scheduled, until the federal funding review is complete. While the USED reiterated its commitment to responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars and alignment with the President's priorities, it has not provided a timeline for final decisions.

As a result, the planning allotments for these grant programs must be temporarily withdrawn since Public School Units cannot apply for or receive funds that have not yet been awarded to the state. **If you have any carryover funds from the 2023-24 or 2024-25 school years, you may continue to use them to fund these programs.**

Please note that if the USED subsequently releases funding for any of these programs, we will promptly reissue planning allotments and open the applications accordingly.

We understand the challenges this creates for planning and staffing, and we appreciate your patience and partnership as we await further guidance from the federal level. We will continue to provide updates as soon as new information becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact your Federal Programs Administrator.

FY2026 Chart of Accounts Changes - All PSUs

Advanced Teaching Rolls (ATR)

With the changes to the Advanced Teacher Roles Program (PRC 0022) to allow grant funds to carryforward and supplement funds to end June 30th, we are going to create a new PRC 0025 for the Advanced Teaching Roles Salary Supplements, effective July 1, 2025. This should make the tracking of these funds more efficient for all users.

We will be taking the allotment policies to the SBE in September, and we have posted the draft language for your reference to our [What's New section](#), pending the SBE approval. This allotment policy change will

impact the Chart of Accounts by eliminating the supplement code from PRC 0022 and adding the Supplement code and related benefits to PRC 0025.

FY 2026 School Safety Grants (PRCs 0039 and 0040)

These program grant funds transferred to the State Bureau of Investigation beginning July 1, 2024 under the Center for Safer Schools. DPI administered the grants for the FY 24-25 since we were halfway through the year, and to allow that Office to get set up under the SBI. After DPI closes FY2024-25 we will be effectively closing these DPI State PRCs. PRC 0039 and PRC 0040 have been removed from the COA for Fund 1 effective July 1, 2025.

New PRCs have been established in State Grants Funding Sources (not allotted by DPI)" section which are LOCAL PRCs (Fund 2 or 8).

The NEW PRCs for School Safety Grants are:

- 438 School Safety Grants
- 439 School Safety Grants for School Resource Officers

Please contact [the Center for Safer Schools](#) at SBI with any questions.

New PRC: Golden Leaf Grant (DPI 434)

We established this additional State Grant not allotted by DPI to help those receiving these Golden Leaf Grant awards. Since these are not being distributed to you through the allotment system, you will need to track these as local funds, and not Fund 1.

New Proposed Purpose Code

We are beginning to get requests for information related to Visual Arts programs and costs versus Performing Arts programs and costs. To ensure that we can meet this potential requirement for data we are adding a new purpose code and splitting out those two elements in the COA beginning July 1, 2025. We have posted the proposed language for your reference to our [What's New webpage](#).

For FY 25-26 we will continue to roll up to the main 51300 purpose code for your reporting; however, if possible, please begin to delineate out these expenditures to the sub-purpose codes within this category.

Licensure Years of Experience "Bump" is Completed - All PSUs

The Licensure "bump" process to update the years' experience for the certified staff was completed on July 7th/8th. The "NO BUMP" list is now available in the LicSal application. It is under the Licensure section and then under Salary Admin Reports. Please let your HR Directors know. The system should be reopened by Tuesday, July 15th to pull these reports.

Please be reminded that we are under a continuation budget to begin FY 25-26 so there is no salary increase for this corresponding increase in years of experience at this time. However, the system is updated to accurately reflect this data for licensure and other systems. You may need this years of experience for your own local scales and/or supplement scales.

If you have questions, please email the Salary@dpi.nc.gov.

Interscholastic Athletics Survey - All PSUs

The survey for the Interscholastic Athletic Report is due on **July 15, 2025**. Responses should include PSU General Ledger funds, as well as individual school funds. Third party funds, such as those from booster organizations, should not be included.

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From the Office of Exceptional Children

NCEAA Reimbursement for PSU Evaluations

The OEC is partnered with NCDPI Finance and Business Services to begin making available the reimbursements to PSUs that conducted evaluations on behalf of parents seeking eligibility or continued eligibility for children with suspected or existing disabilities and associated with the ESA+ scholarship.

Reimbursement per PSU was determined from data collected in ECATS at the time consent was obtained to conduct the evaluation and covers the time period between May 28, 2024, and May 26, 2025. Since these students are parentally-placed private school students, the Child Find obligation (evaluation/reevaluation) responsibility is the LEA in which the private school is located. This means that it is unlikely that a charter school would have conducted an evaluation eligible for reimbursement. However, the OEC did not deny any reimbursement of an evaluation documented for the purposes of the ESA+ scholarship in the event extenuating circumstances existed at the time the evaluation was conducted.

Consistent with [the memo released by OEC](#), local exceptional children programs utilized resources identified for children with disabilities to conduct these evaluations/reevaluations. Therefore, the reimbursement should return to the local EC budget for use with children with disabilities. The

reimbursement is made with state funds, should not be budgeted with funds subject to reversions, does not have a specified period of performance, and can be used in maintenance of effort calculations for EC.

The schedule for reimbursement will be coordinated by NCDPI Finance and Business Services. This message is a courtesy alert that the process has been initiated and can be expected within the coming weeks.

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Allotments Update

Preliminary Initial Allotment Webinar - IPS Only

To facilitate preliminary initial allotments, SBS will hold a webinar for all charter schools on Wednesday, July 23rd at 11 am. Please [join the meeting at this link](#).

State Preliminary Initial and Categorical Allotments - All PSUs

FY 2025-26 preliminary initial allotments have been published, and categorical allotments will be posted by the end of the week.

For an explanation of how these allotments were calculated, please refer to the Preliminary Initial Allotments FAQ document posted to our [What's New page](#).

FY2026 Chart of Accounts Changes

SparkNC Program

DPI has assigned local PRC 442 for the SparkNC Program.

DPI will not be setting up a COA for this local PRC, but your PSU will need to use valid purpose and object codes when setting up your COA. Please flag the local PRC 442 expenditures and revenue as state.

Auditor Confirmations FY 24-25 - All PSUs



With the system change from our Main Frame Systems, your confirmations are not in the same format and are no longer available through the old site. The JHA reports, etc. are no longer active. To get confirmations on funds provided to the Public School Units you will need to go to our website and the public reports section of the DART to pull down those reports.

These are located in the [Public DART \(Data Analysis Reporting Tool\) application](#).

In the Public Reports section, you will see the Final Monthly Financial Report for the Fiscal Year FY 2024-2025. The reports can be exported, and you can filter by PSU to see the Allotments by Fund and PRC, the YTD Expenditures and the Remaining Allotment Balances or any Programs that were overspent for that Fiscal Year.

The key reports are:

- F2: FY25 Final Expenditures by PRC Report
- F3: FY25 PSU YTD Approved Cash

Please be reminded that the deadlines for the audit report are:

- LEAs - Due to the LGC no later than **December 31st**
- IPS - Due to NCDPI no later than **October 31st**

We may grant a 30-day extension upon request.

Other Confirmation Information related to PSU Funding

The confirmations for School Nutrition, Capital/Lottery Funds, and Medicaid reimbursements are managed through those program offices. For more information and details on those contacts, please see the Auditor Confirmations document posted to our [What's New page](#).

School Business Summer Conference 2025 - All PSUs

Please join us on **Tuesday, July 22, 2025**, for an exciting and very informative conference geared towards all things School Business to start your new school year. It will be held at a new venue, the [Embassy Suites in Cary](#).

Conference Registration this year is \$210 per person. Instructions to register are below:

1. Follow this link to register: <https://go.ncdpi.gov/25FBSRegistration>
2. Once you have submitted your registration, you will receive an email confirmation from noreply@dpi.nc.gov (subject line "2025 FBS Summer Conference Registration FBS25"). Be sure to check your spam folder if it does not appear in your inbox. The invoice attached to that email will provide you with your conference code and invoice number, which you will need when submitting your payment.
3. Go to <https://go.ncdpi.gov/FBSPayments> if paying online with a credit card. You can also pay via invoice and check. Instructions are on the invoice attached to your registration confirmation.

The current session topics and descriptions are posted in our "[What's New](#)" section for your review. Please share with others in your PSU that may want to participate this year. All of the Business staff from LEAs and Independent Public Schools are welcome.

Book Drive

FBS will be collecting books for all ages to benefit the Helene-impacted PSUs. Please bring any new or gently used books you'd like to donate to the conference. Thank you in advance for your support!

Parking

Parking is complimentary for all registered attendees. To validate parking, scan one of the QR codes displayed in the lot. At that link, register your vehicle using your name, license plate, and the promotional code **ESHNP**. Please see the [parking instructions](#) for more information.

If you need assistance validating your parking, the front desk in the lobby will be able to assist you. If you receive a citation or pay for parking, please let them know and they will have it corrected.

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Legislative Update - LEAs Only

Earlier this month, the Governor signed [SL 2025-73 \(Senate Bill 375\)](#) into law, which requires LEAs to publish certain information about each Central Office position at their district on their website. To assist LEAs, SBS has published an FAQ to our [What's New page](#). Please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov with any questions.

Allotments Update

FY2025-26 State Preliminary Initial Allotments - All PSUs

Approximately 90 percent of the Continuation Budget has now been allotted as of today.

School Business will provide online resources regarding the State Preliminary Initial formulas, salaries, and dollars per ADM by the end of next week.

NCVPS initial reductions will be posted by Monday, July 28th and we will begin processing "kitchen sink" state allotments (special provision allocations and State grants) afterwards.

The following items of interest will be allotted in the coming week:

- PRC 0022 – Advanced Teaching Roles
- PRC 0055 – Cooperative Innovative High Schools
- PRC 0069 – Treatment Centers
- PRC 0083 – CTE Credentials Initial Allocation (30% of FY24-25 Allotment)
- PRC 0095 – Regional Computing Consultants (Testing Fiscal Agent)

Additional Allotment Updates: FY24-25 State Carryforward

OSBM has provided approval for FY25 State Carryforward funds. These funds must go through the proper controls before release and are currently expected to be allotted on or by August 1, 2025.

Thank you for your continued patience as we execute the FY25-26 state allotments.

Budget and Allotments Webinar - IPS Only

Thank you to everyone who attended the Budget and Allotments Webinar. If you were unable to attend, the presentation has been made available on [our website](#).

If you have general questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

SBS Annual Summer Conference and Helene Book Drive - All PSUs

Thank you for attending the SBS Conference 2025 this week and participating in the Helene book drive! We hope the sessions provided everyone with meaningful information. Please take some time this week to provide feedback via this Qualtrics survey so that we can continue to improve and offer you helpful sessions in the future. Please also let us know about any other topics or information you are interested in for future SBS events.

We are collecting the presentations for the sessions and will be posting them to our website. We are also compiling the continuing professional education (CPE) credits for all the LEA CFOs in attendance and will send out notifications to those CFOs when this process is completed. Please note that while SBS Conference credits will qualify to meet the professional certification requirements for NC School Finance Officers per NC SBE State Board Policy FIN-000, NC DPI is not a registered CPE sponsor. CPAs must ensure that the CPE credits they are claiming for their annual CPA license requirement align with the requirements set by their state board of accountancy.

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Legislative Update

Yesterday the General Assembly passed [House Bill 125](#) which has been sent to the Governor for signature. It is a mini budget bill which funds the normal technical adjustments for last year's ADM/Headcounts and Average Salaries. It also contains the following provisions:

- Retirement rate - 24.67%
- Maximum annual employer contributions for the State Health Plan - \$8,500
- Years of experience bump according to the FY25 salary schedules

Should it become law, we will send out notifications via our newsletter. We expect to make any needed allotment adjustments within two weeks of that time.

LicSal Reporting Updates

School Business and DPI IT Finance are evaluating the current salary reporting and compliance processes and discussing system improvements. Therefore, pay period 01 voucher and summary data will not be available in LicSal at this time. More information will be provided during the month of August. Thank you for your patience during this assessment.

From the Driver Training Office

Time-Sensitive Driver Training Survey - LEAs Only

NCDPI is committed to supporting our local school districts by finding effective solutions to the growing challenges of providing a high-quality driver's education program to your students.

To better understand your needs and explore a potential funding strategy, we kindly ask you to take a few moments to complete [a brief survey](#) **due August 15, 2025**. Your insights will be invaluable in shaping our next steps.

Please direct any questions you may have about the survey to:

Karl Logan, Section Chief
Driver Training Section
NC Department of Public Instruction
karl.logan@dpi.nc.gov
(984) 236-2938

Thank you for your time and continued support!

From the Office of Exceptional Children

IDEA FY2024 Grant Budgets

There has been a communication issue between the budget builder system in some PSUs and CCIP that has prevented the revision of 2024 remaining funds budget for IDEA 060/049. If your PSU is affected by this, please create a PDF version of your final budget and upload in the related documents section of the 2024 IDEA grant. If you have any questions, please reach out to your IDEA Fiscal Monitoring Consultant.

From the Office of School Facilities

August PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests - LEAs Only

Monthly distribution requests for PSBCF, PSBRRF, and NBPSCF lottery revenue for Capital Projects are **due by August 25, 2025**. Signed request forms and questions about lottery capital funds should be directed to Dennis Hilton, PE, via email: dennis.hilton@dpi.nc.gov

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State Board of Education Action - School Nurses

At its August meeting, the State Board of Education approved the education and salary of School Nurses in BSOP 2 and BSOP 3. This change was in response to [SL 2025-60](#) which amended G.S. 115C-315. The policy amendment eliminated the differentiation between a school nurse required to be paid from the instructional support salary schedule, and a school nurse required to be paid based on a classified range. Effective immediately:

- All school nurses shall be compensated on the M schedule of the instructional support schedule.
- School nurses are no longer required to be certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center or the National Board for Certification of School Nurses to be paid on the instructional support salary schedule.
- The State Board may not require a four year degree to be a school nurse. A school nurse who is employed or contracted, shall at a minimum
 - Be a registered nurse with at least 2 years of experience as a nurse in a hospital or health clinic or
 - Be certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center or the National Board for Certification of School Nurses.

This week, the SBE approved changes to the NC Public School Personnel State Salary Manual to comply with SL 2025-60. The updated manual and salary schedules have been posted to our [What's New page](#). The [SBE may approve further qualification requirements](#) at their October meeting, following the public comment period and the rulemaking process.

Legislative Update - Mini Budget Bill

The Governor has signed the mini-budget into law ([SL 2025-89 / House Bill 125](#)). The legislation addresses the following items related to K-12 funding for 2025-26:

Technical Adjustments for ADM/Headcounts and Average Salaries

These adjustments fund the 2026 initial allotments at the current formulas. This will result in initial allotments being adjusted to be at the planning allotment level, including PRC031 Low Wealth Supplemental Funding.

Benefits Rate

- TSERS employer retirement rate - 24.67%
- Employer contributions for the State Health Plan - \$8,500

Funding for these benefit changes will be incorporated into the appropriate allotments.

Salary Schedules

Teacher, Instructional Support, and Assistant Principals

The legislation authorizes LEAs to move public school employees paid on the legislated teacher salary schedule and assistant principal schedule up a step, if the employee is eligible.

- This applies to teacher and instructional support required to be paid from the State legislated teacher salary schedule or a derivative of that schedule, eg. School counselor schedule, school psychologist schedule etc.
- Assistant Principals may move up a step, if eligible.
- No increases or changes have been made to the teacher schedule and each step of the schedules remain the same as the fiscal year 2024-25.
- No change in the daily rate of pay for substitutes.
- International Faculty Exchange (PRC020) transfer rate will be published when finalized.

School Business has replaced the Continuing Resolution Certified Salary Schedules with the Certified Salary Schedules effective July 1, 2025 based on SL2025-89 – see the [What's New page](#). Note that the value of each step is the same as FY25, but the individual will be eligible for the certified rate based on their years of experience after “the bump” in FY26. The legislation did not appropriate funds for the step increase and assumes attrition of personnel.

The following personnel are not paid based on the legislated teacher salary schedule. No changes have been made to these schedules and no legislated salary increases have been provided.

Principal

The principal salary scale remains the same as FY2024-25. Principal salary will be recalculated based on accountability results and school ADM, and the principal's certified salary will be modified effective January 1, 2026 (unless other legislation is enacted modifying).

Central Office

No legislated increases. The maximums for superintendents, administrators and other central office staff remain unchanged.

Classified Employees

No legislated increases have been provided for classified employees. The State Board of Education have made no changes to the salary ranges of these personnel.

Note: This legislation does not apply to locally developed salary schedules that are based on years of experience and are not legislated. The General Assembly has not provided any additional funds for salary; they have only authorized the movement of the individuals up to the next step on the legislated teacher schedule.

Please see the [2025-2026 NC Public School Personnel State Salary Manual](#) for more information. The budget and the allocations are being recalculated and are targeted to be sent out within the next 10-15 days.

Allotments Update

FY2025-26 State Allotments - All PSUs

The following items of interest will be allotted this week:

- PRC 0055 – Cooperative Innovative High Schools

Additional Allotment Updates: FY25-26 (Grant Year 2026) Federal Planning Allotments

The planning allotment data for the following PRCs have been loaded to the Budget and Amendment System (BAAS):

- PRC 0103 (ESEA Title II, Part A) Supporting Effective Instruction
- PRC 0104 (ESEA Title III, Part A) English Language Acquisition
- PRC 0108 (ESEA Title IV, Part A) Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- PRC 0109 (ESEA Title V, Part B) Rural and Low-Income Schools (RLIS)

If you have general questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

Voluntary Shared Leave Reporting 2024-2025 - LEAs only

[The Voluntary Shared Leave Survey](#) is collected annually in response to General Statute 126-8.3(c) and is **due September 2, 2025**. To assist with completing the online survey, a preview of the questions is available on our [What's New page](#).

Note: Enter whole numbers only. Do not enter decimal points, symbols, or text. Independent Public Schools (Charter, Lab, and Regional Schools) are excluded from this report.

If you have questions about the survey, please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

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- PRC 0079 – CTE: Education & Workforce Innovation Program (EWIP) - Innovation and Grade Expansion Grants
- PRC 0017 – CTE: Program Improvement
 - GY2025 Reallocation of unexpended funds
 - GY2026 Initial Allotments

Additional Allotment Reminders

HB125 (SL 2025-89) - All PSUs

School Business is still working on the State Initial Allotments adjustments (and thus dollars per ADM) per the SL 2025-89 technical adjustments. The adjusting revision is expected by next Friday.

FY2025 State At-Risk Fund Carryforward (PRC 0069) - LEAs Only

FY2025 State At-Risk Fund Carryforward (PRC 0069) ends **August 31, 2025**. Make sure you have recorded the appropriate eligible expenditures by that date.

Federal Grants Ending on or Before Sept 30, 2025 - All PSUs

Please be reminded that there are several federal grants whose period of performance ends on or before **September 30, 2025**. The funds at risk of being reverted can be identified using the DART PSU Report 103: PSU Remaining Allotment Balance and the list of grants has also been posted to our [What's New page](#). Please review your federal allotments to ensure you have expended those funds before those grants end. This includes ensuring you have recorded all expenditures, and if needed eligible encumbrances, to the appropriate grant year in your system.

Reminder: Grant year reporting means that expenditures and cash draws are all accounted by grant year for the federal grant funds. These must align. Please work with your software vendors if you are still unclear how to appropriately account for these funds using the new grant year code segment in the Chart of Accounts (COA).

If you have general questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

Small County/Low Wealth Signing Bonus for Teachers (PRC 0062) Survey - LEAs Only

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 [G.S. §115C-302.8](#). To prepare the allotment we require all eligible LEAs to complete [a Qualtrics survey](#). 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.

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 Sue Holly at susan.holly@dpi.nc.gov. This survey will close on **October 15, 2025**, after which we will prepare the allotments based on the applications and within the budgeted funds provided.

SS200 Full-Time Personnel Report – All PSUs

The [SS200 Full-Time Personnel Report](#) is an online system that collects race/ethnicity, gender, and fund source of full-time personnel employed through October 1 of the current school year. A Full Time Employee is defined as a person employed to fill a vacancy whose regular work week is the number of hours established as full-time for the class of work assigned, but not less than 30 hours per week. All Public School Units (PSUs) and Independent Public Schools (Charters, Regional, UNC Lab Schools) must complete this report by **October 31, 2025**.

An annual subscription (request to access) is required to access the reports. The individual submitting the report will need an active North Carolina Identity Management Identification (NCID) to access the reports. If you (or your staff) need an NCID, or it has expired, you must contact your NCID administrator to set up an account for you. A directory of [the LEA NCID administrators](#) is available on NCDIT's website, as well as a directory of [IPS/Charter NCID administrators](#). **DPI cannot assign an NCID or reset NCID passwords.** Please share this information with other staff that may be involved with data collection and reporting of this report. If you have questions related to the SS200, please contact David.Cauthorn@dpi.nc.gov.

Invalid Account Codes - MFR Period 1 – All PSUs

The MFR data for Period 1 (July 2025) have posted to the DART website.

Please check the report "**102. PSU Invalid Codes – Current Reporting Period**" under "**PSU Reports**" for the list of records which require corrections. The corrections should be submitted with the next MFR data file submission (due **September 3, 2025**). MFR expenditure amounts posted to invalid account codes are not loaded into the Cash App, which impacts the cash amounts for monthly zero-out.

Please DO NOT RESUBMIT the MFR data file for Period 1 or any other previous periods.

If there are questions or concerns on the data files, please contact SchoolFinancialReporting@dpi.nc.gov.

If you are experiencing difficulties or need access to the DART website, please contact SBSDART@dpi.nc.gov.

From the Office of School Facilities

Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund: FY25-26 Grant Application Schedule – LEAs Only

NBPSCF Grant Applications [per G.S. 115C, Article 38B]

The application period for new FY25-26 NBPSCF Capital Grants will open on August 18, 2025. Program guidance and application materials will be available on the [Capital Funding page](#) of the School Planning website when the application period opens. The deadline for submitting applications and supporting materials is **October 3, 2025**.

Questions about the NBPSCF Grant program should be directed to Nathan Maune, AIA, via email: SchoolPlanning-NBPSCF@dpi.nc.gov.

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Reminder: FY2026 Chart of Accounts Changes - All PSUs

Please see the announcement below made in our July 11 newsletter regarding changes to the COA effective July 1.

Advanced Teaching Rolls (ATR)

With the changes to the Advanced Teacher Roles Program (PRC 0022) to allow grant funds to carryforward and supplement funds to end June 30th, we are going to create a new PRC 0025 for the Advanced Teaching Roles Salary Supplements, effective July 1, 2025. This should make the tracking of these funds more efficient for all users.

We will be taking the allotment policies to the State Board of Education (SBE) meeting in September, and we have posted the draft language for your reference to our [What's New section](#), pending the SBE approval. This allotment policy change will impact the Chart of Accounts by eliminating the supplement code from PRC 0022 and adding the Supplement code and related benefits to PRC 0025.

FY 2026 School Safety Grants (PRCs 0039 and 0040)

These program grant funds transferred to the State Bureau of Investigation beginning July 1, 2024 under the Center for Safer Schools. DPI administered the grants for the FY 24-25 since we were halfway through the year, and to allow that Office to get set up under the SBI. We have closed these DPI State PRCs. PRC 0039 and PRC 0040 have been removed from the COA for Fund 1 effective July 1, 2025. It will be removed from the Allotment Policy Manual following the September SBE meeting.

New PRCs have been established in State Grants Funding Sources (not allotted by DPI) section which are LOCAL PRCs (Fund 2 or 8).

The NEW PRCs for School Safety Grants are:

- 438 School Safety Grants
- 439 School Safety Grants for School Resource Officers

Please contact [the Center for Safer Schools at SBI](#) with any questions.

New PRC: Golden Leaf Grant (DPI 434)

We established this additional State Grant not allotted by DPI to help those receiving these Golden Leaf Grant awards. Since these are not being distributed to you through the allotment system, you will need to track these as local funds, and not Fund 1.

New Proposed Purpose Code

We are beginning to get requests for information related to Visual Arts programs and costs versus Performing Arts programs and costs. To ensure that we can meet this potential requirement for data we have added a new purpose code and are splitting out those two elements in the COA beginning July 1, 2025. We have posted the proposed language for your reference to our [What's New webpage](#).

For FY 25-26 we will continue to roll up to the main 51300 purpose code for your reporting; however, if possible, please begin to delineate out these expenditures to the sub-purpose codes within this category.

Allotments Update

FY2025-26 State Initial Allotment adjustments per HB125 (SL 2025-89) - All PSUs

State Initial Allotments adjustments (and thus dollars per ADM which affects the base funding for charter and lab school) will be processed by end of Friday, August 22nd.

ABC Transfers and Conversions - LEAs Only

The transfer window for the ABC module and IFE conversion requests will open Monday, September 8, 2025.

Allotment Revision Notices - All PSUs

We are aware that some Units are not receiving the automated notification emails regarding revision. DPI Technology Services and NC DIT are currently working on the issue which is related to larger system security changes. Until the matter is resolved, please log into the allotment system to view any expected allotment changes for your Unit.

If you have general questions, please email allotments@dpi.nc.gov.

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