

FBS CONFERENCE – DRAFT CONCURRENT SESSION TOPICS**❖ BUDGET and LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: - Lunch General Session**

Alexis Schauss, CFO NCPDI, will provide an update of the latest budget and legislative developments from the NC General Assembly “short session”. The material will be dependent on what is available at the time of the conference. *This will be our General Session at LUNCH time for all participants.*

❖ **Career & Technical Education (CTE) Fiscal Policy: PRC 013, PRC 014, & PRC 017 Highlights:** CTE Regional Coordinators (RCs) will review the funding formulas for these PRCs and share an overview of the CTE Fiscal Policy Guide pertaining to allowability of expenditures using these fund sources. RCs will also share insight pertaining to the new PRC 083 Credentials Funding and what is allowable to be purchased using these funds. Presented by the CTE Regional Coordinators

❖ **Career & Technical Education (CTE) Monitoring for Compliance Findings:** CTE Regional Coordinators (RCs) will share the noncompliant use of CTE funds that have more frequently been found during Monitoring for Compliance visits, and possibly a few that surprised them. RCs will also share suggestions on object code considerations and why CTE suggests using specific codes for expenditures. Presented by the CTE Regional Coordinators

❖ **Cash Processing for FY 2024-25:** Description of how cash processing will be transacted in FY 24-25. There will be a temporary process for the months of July and August until we transition into a modified model via an APEX Application under development. The goal is to eventually have a modern cash solution for FY 2025-26. Presented by Evelyn Gallegos and the SBS Reporting Team.

❖ **Cash and Grant Year Accounting for Charter Schools:** Overview of the NEW Cash Processing for FY24-25 with the modified systems. We will also provide an overview of the Grant Year reporting requirements for the Federal Grants and other related Reporting requirements specific for Charter Schools. Presented by Evelyn Gallegos and the SBS Reporting Team.

❖ **Charter School Fiscal Governance:** To understand the structure, governance, and operational foundations of charter schools and how those need to be considered in fiscal and governance policy approval and implementation. We will discuss Charter school laws and regulations, board governance, accountability requirements, and best practices for operational efficiency through the policy process. Steps for understanding who is doing what, when, where, why, and how. Presented by Ashley Baquero, Senior Director for the Office of Charter Schools, NCDPI and her team.

❖ **Charter School Risk Mitigation:** To understand how to best mitigate risk proactively to maximize stability and longevity of your charter school. How to consistently comply with charter school laws and regulations. Best practices for detecting and addressing risk. How to value and grow talent and technology that helps limit risk. Presented by Ashley Baquero, Senior Director for the Office of Charter Schools, NCDPI and her team.

- ❖ **Charter School SBS Supports and UERS Data:** Round table discussion with the SBS support team regarding various aspects of what we do in School Business, how we intersect with other areas supporting the Charter Schools and receive feedback from the schools so we can improve our service model. We will also discuss the UERS Data file process, how we use those files and importance of that data for the State. Presented by Evelyn Gallegos and the SBS Team.
- ❖ **E-Rate for Charters and LEAs:** Two separate sessions to discuss the opportunities for Federal E-Rate funding to assist with your connectivity and other network needs. Experts from the NCDPI E-rate section will be there to help you navigate this complex process to get this much needed funding. Presented by Corey McNeill, Ed.D., E-Rate Section Chief and Matthew Mayo, Director of Digital Teaching & Learning and School Connectivity.
- ❖ **ESSER Compliance Findings To-Date and Remedies:** Overview of the various findings related to the ESSER Monitoring with tips and suggestions on how to take effective corrective action and get your information ready for the official Federal Audit period as soon as the ESSER funding ends. Presented by Albert Woelfle, SBS Compliance Section.
- ❖ **Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Update with Dept. of Labor:** Department of Labor (DOL) representatives will provide an update related to the changes to the FLSA overtime pay exemptions and other pertinent modifications. They will also provide time to answer questions for the districts. Presented by Anthony Delgado and Miguel Perez with the Dept. of Labor.
- ❖ **Federal Programs Update:** An overview from the Office of Federal Programs related to grants administration (CCIP grant application/ budget approval process/transferability/time and effort), available technical assistance (one-on-one, regional, and statewide meetings), and compliance monitoring/data reporting processes. Presented by Alex Charles and the NCDPI Office of Federal Programs.
- ❖ **IDEA Maintenance of Effort:** Members of the IDEA Fiscal Monitoring team will cover IDEA Maintenance of Effort (MOE) from budgeting to expenditure reporting. This session will review the policies, practices, and procedures for meeting MOE. Interactive portions will allow PSUs to practice meeting MOE and allowable reductions/adjustments. Presented by Adam Parent, Lisa Blanton, and Milinda Martina from EC Services, NCDPI.
- ❖ **Licensure System and Benefits Update:** Will provide an update on the proposed new Licensure system, reviews current and projected processing changes, and discuss any material changes related to employee benefits for the new school year. Will provide opportunity for Q&A. Presented by Thomas Tomberlin, Director, Educator Recruitment and Support, NCDPI.
- ❖ **Modernization and Reporting Updates:** School Business Reporting team will present an overview of the proposed new platform NCDPI will be using for processing and reporting your UERS Data. This platform will replace our mainframe system and create what we hope will be more robust and easier reporting. This replaces all the XCLOUD JHAXXX reports. Presented by Nathan Craver and the SBS Analyst Team.

- ❖ **Research and Teacher Compensation:** In 2021-22, the North Carolina General Assembly created a recurring appropriation that would help local education agencies (LEAs) in North Carolina to supplement salaries for teachers and some eligible school administrators - the Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation (PRC071). Our goal in the presentation is to share results on both the implementation and impact of PRC071, based both interviews with educators and an analysis of the statewide administrative data. Our results will help inform district and state administrators as they decide how supplemental salary funds can be leveraged to improve teacher recruitment and retention. Presented by NCSU Research Team.
- ❖ **Salary Audit Processing for FY 2024-25:** Description of how the salary audit process will work for the LEAs in the new fiscal year. As we move to annualized audit process the details required by DPI change and should simplify the process for both the LEAs and the State. We will provide information as to the reports and other information needed to help streamline this cumbersome process for our future. Presented by Crystal Zimmerman, Gwen Tucker, and Gina Brown, with our SBS Support Team.
- ❖ **SBS – How we do Initial Allotments:** Staff from the Allotment Section in the Division of School Business will go thru the Initial Allotment Process and provide some insight into how these funds are calculated and distributed to the PSUs. They will also provide some helpful information on how to use the Allotment System to track your funding. Presented by Quatia Snipes, Allotment Manager and the team.
- ❖ **SBS – Who We Are and What We Do:** Staff from the Division of School Business will provide an overview of the varied work of each of our sections and how our work impacts and supports our public schools. Presented by representatives of the SBS Team.
- ❖ **School Facility Capital Funding Programs:** Review of the various NC Education Lottery Capital Funding Programs, and how school districts can take advantage of these funding opportunities. Comparison of the different programs, project eligibility, the purpose of each program, and funding levels will be covered. Discussions will include pre-planning through construction, and the best ways to ensure a successful capital project. Presented by the NCDPI School Planning Section.
- ❖ **Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability Insurance:** Update on filing a claim, benefits of coverage, and managing the injured employee to help you navigate this process. We will also discuss the Professional Liability coverage provided to school employees to protect them while acting under the scope of their duties and under the direction of their LEA. Presented by Eileen Townsend.

EBSAC Quarterly Meeting:

Quarterly Meeting of the Educational Business Systems Advisory Committee (EBSAC) will meet in the Auditorium, **Tuesday, July 23rd from 3:30-5pm**. Non-voting and interested parties are welcome to listen to the discussions related to the specific modernization efforts that impact the PSUs. Hosted by Barry Pace, Director of School Business System Modernization – IT Systems.