

EC Division Weekly Update
June 29, 2020

Items of Interest

In light of the holiday, the Weekly Update is being delivered on Monday this week. We will resume our Wednesday delivery next week.

Read To Achieve Memo

Please review the attached memo regarding the Istation contract ending June 30 from Deputy Superintendent of Innovation, Dr. David Stegall, and Director of K-3 Literacy, Dr. Tara Galloway.

- [MEMO Istation Contract.pdf](#)

Assistive Technology Expo

Please see the attached memo regarding an Assistive Technology Expo to be offered by NCDPI.

Regional Coordinator Office Hours

Regional Coordinators will hold office hours this Wednesday, July 1 to address questions around the COVID-19 Recovery Act Funds (See the attached memo) as well as any other areas of concern from Directors/Charter Coordinators. Information on this can be found in the COVID-19 memo attached.

Specific Learning Disabilities Policy

An update to the Specific Learning Disability policy, to be implemented by all Public School Units (PSUs) on **July 1, 2020**, was passed by the state board of education on 6/4/2020. This update was based on feedback from stakeholders and a public comment period. The redline version of the amended policy can be [found here](#).

COVID-19 RELATED INFORMATION

OSEP Q&A- Use of IDEA Funds and Fiscal Flexibility

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services' Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) released Questions and Answers (Q&A) documents in response to inquiries concerning implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ([IDEA](#)) Part B and Part C use of funds as well as Flexibility in Implementation of IDEA Part B Fiscal Requirements in the current COVID-19 environment:

- *[Implementation of IDEA Part B and Part C Use of Funds](#)* (June 25, 2020)

[IDEA Part B Use of Funds](#)
[PDF](#) (250KB)

[IDEA Part C Use of Funds](#)
[PDF](#) (295KB)

- *[Flexibility in Implementation of IDEA Part B Fiscal Requirements](#)* (June 26, 2020)

[IDEA Part B Fiscal Requirements](#)
[PDF](#) (264KB)

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2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act Funds-PRC 132

Please see the attached memo, planning allotment and application to apply for these additional funds to support Future Services, ESY and as appropriate, Compensatory Education due to COVID-19.

NASDSE Guidance

Please see the padlet for a document released by the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE). The EC Division will provide additional clarification around this document by July 15, 2020.

PRC 118 Budget Adjustments

As a reminder, PRC 118 Requests and Budget Amendments are reviewed as they are received. It is our intent to review as timely as possible. We thank you in advance for your patience.

COMING SOON!

- The EC Division is working to release a template for Individual Remote learning plans. Release should be by the week of July 15

- The FAQ in the padlet will be updated to align with current guidance and Executive Orders that may have resulted in a change in previous responses. As of July 1, there will be a new FAQ created to address the return to school questions. Check your padlet next week.