

EC Division Weekly Update

June 16, 2021

Updates to the EC Division Padlet

Items of Interest

Federal Reporting Office Hours

As a reminder, the Federal Reporting Office Hours has changed locations. Khalilah O'Farrow-Boulware is now holding these meetings in her WebEx account. The office hours are open from at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month. Please contact Khalilah O'Farrow-Boulware at khalilah.ofarrow@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

<https://ncgov.webex.com/meet/khalilah.ofarrow>

Indicator 14 – opened: May 17th; due date: COB September 17th (Selected Directors/Coordinators only)

Indicator 7 – opens: August 2nd; due date: COB August 20th

Indicator 12 – opens: October 1st; due date: COB October 29th

Standards Aligned Instruction in Mathematics

Matthew Martinez, Consultant for Significant Disabilities and Heidi Carico, Consultant for Autism will be offering a 4-part webinar series that will focus on building capacity to plan for standards aligned instruction in Mathematics. The target audience for this webinar series is teachers and other educators, specialists, or related services personnel who support instruction of students with significant cognitive disabilities (SCD) who are accessing the Extended Content Standards (ECS). This series will be a combination of two synchronous 1-hour webinars, one synchronous 90 minutes webinar, one asynchronous session and two homework assignments which will result in .8 CEU credits. Dates for the synchronous sessions are July 12, 2021, July 26, 2021 and August 9, 2021 from 3:30 until 4:30. The recorded session and homework will be assigned in between the synchronous dates. Participants must agree to attending all sessions to be considered.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/BcFS1UXVzAijwsRBs5>

The Economic and Personal Finance Extended Content Standards (EPF ECS)

The Economic and Personal Finance Extended Content Standards (EPF ECS) can now be found on the Exceptional Children Webpage. The EPF ECS Course credit is now a requirement for incoming students for the 2021-2022 school year per State Policy Grad 010 for students with significant cognitive disabilities and instructed on the Extended Content Standards. The attached video navigates viewers through how to find the EPF ECS and utilize the accompanying glossary. The intended audience for these resources is for high school educators and administrators.

Economic and Personal Finance ECS

Support Video

Password: Tt3PmKPb

Recording link: <https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/ldr.php?RCID=c5ca19bf28e5e8bf9bceb191d3cfa6a5>

Glossary Link

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UcdrN0e5PJzl-Jhq1-xzT9rNv1q7f0dR/view?usp=sharing>

EC Division Weekly Update

June 16, 2021

Emergency Connectivity Fund

On June 15, 2021, the FCC [announced](#) the initial filing window for the [Emergency Connectivity Fund](#), a \$7.17 Billion program that will help schools and libraries provide the tools and services their communities need for remote learning during the COVID-19 emergency period.

From June 29, 2021 to August 13, 2021, eligible schools and libraries can apply for financial support to purchase connected devices like laptops and tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, and broadband connectivity to serve the unmet needs for off-campus use by students, school staff, and library patrons during the COVID-19 emergency period. During this application filing window, eligible schools and libraries, in addition to consortia of schools and libraries, can submit requests for funding to purchase eligible equipment and services between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022.

The FCC will host a captioned webinar on June 25, at 2 pm ET on [fcc.gov/live](https://www.fcc.gov/live) to provide an overview of the Emergency Connectivity Fund, including applicant eligibility, supported equipment and services, reasonable support amounts, and the application and invoicing processes. No registration is required for this event. American Sign Language interpreting and other accommodations are available by submitting your request via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530. Please include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way the FCC can contact you if it needs more information.

You can view an FCC Fact Sheet on the program by visiting:
https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/ecf_factsheet.pdf.

More information about the program is available at emergencyconnectivityfund.org, including information about how to apply and what schools and libraries can do now to prepare. Schools and libraries can [sign up](#) to receive program updates and information about future training sessions. Help with program questions is also available by calling 800-234-9781 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET.

2020-2021 End of Year Data Submission for Indicator 11

All Public-School Units are responsible for certifying Indicator 11: Child Find in ECATS. The Indicator 11 count captures the percent of students for whom a referral was received, and placement determined within 90 days and is based on data from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The Indicator 11 Count opens October 1, 2021 and is due by close of business October 29, 2021. **(ATTACHED)**

REMINDER: Statewide Corrective Action

LEA Signed Assurances were due yesterday (6/15/21).

At this time, the EC Division can only confirm receipt of 175 assurances. Of the remaining assurances required, 121 have not been completed and 30 potentially require revisions due to missing signatures or submissions with typed names rather than signatures.

Today, the PMA monitoring consultants will begin reaching out to each EC Director/Coordinator for the LEAs that have not uploaded its signed assurances. Please be reminded that the signed assurances are also required from charter schools in operation during the 2020-2021 school year and state operated programs.

EC Division Weekly Update

June 16, 2021

Please upload your signed assurance as soon as possible as the EC Division will be required to take further action if 100% compliance cannot be achieved.

Link to upload: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1i_Lo33RPHiWFsFv-otbi3ZfxdriT9Dph?usp=sharing
If you have difficulty uploading your signed assurance, please contact your assigned Monitoring consultant.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Removal of Per Reporting Period

The recording of last week's EC Office Hours along with a pdf of the slide deck have been uploaded to a shared folder titled TA: Removal of Per Reporting Period linked [here](#).

Long link to shared folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SVyC726rF4nxiXIEL7wcVR2IDqe0DhUh?usp=sharing>

Questions that were submitted during EC Office Hours #1 and EC Office Hours #2 have been collected. EC Office Hours #3 is scheduled for tomorrow, June 17th from 9:30a-10:30a. The purpose will be to provide a response to the questions submitted. Afterward, the slide deck and written FAQs will be uploaded to the shared folder linked above.

EC Office Hours #3 Link to Join: <https://ncgov.webex.com/meet/carolann.hudgens>

The remaining TA Materials highlighted during the Director's Webinar, will be posted to the shared folder by the close of business today. Questions regarding these materials may be submitted through this [link](#) until the close of business on Monday, June 21st.

Long link for submitting questions regarding TA Materials: <https://forms.office.com/r/Wr2dsiiyxW>

Grant Information Update:

If messages are received from the NCCCIP system that the status of an existing PRC 167 grant has been changed to "Revision Started". This is the result of a system update to import the allotments as DPI transitions to budgets being in the NCCCIP. There is no further action required from you at this time.

Deadline for Federal Budget Amendments

DPI must receive your budget amendments reflecting federal program activity for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 by midnight June 30, 2021.

An amendment is required if you have cumulative transfers, which exceed or are expected to exceed 10% of the current total approved budget. Therefore, you should take into consideration **all** project activity before submitting your final budget amendment for FY 2020-21. Make the appropriate changes at the local level for any over expended projects, as they are subject to an audit exception.

It is important to resolve any discrepancy before the close of the current fiscal year. Contact the appropriate DPI Federal Program Administrator with any questions concerning budget amendments. The list of Federal Grants Administered by the North Carolina Department of Public Instructions FY 20-21 can be found at:

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/federal-fiscal-oversight-and-compliance>

EC Division Weekly Update
June 16, 2021

PK EC Items of Interest

COVID-19 RELATED INFORMATION