

April Friday Email Blast

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Friday, April 6, 2018

No Email Blast was sent out on the 6th.

Friday, April 13, 2018

Directors,

Thank you for tuning in for the [Directors' Webinar](#) on this past Tuesday. We invited Sandy Greene, Division Director for Assessment, to share helpful information with us about the state's online transition for Georgia Milestones assessments. We discussed data reporting for preschool outcomes indicator, as well as, the application process for the Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) grant. As discussed during the webinar, please use the link to complete the Preschool Database Practices Survey. **Survey Link:** <https://form.jotform.com/80815006929156>

The CCRPI Improvement Targets have been finalized. Please note the following:

- Targets are rounded to 2 decimals, rather than 3 decimals, for consistency with reporting rules.
- School data have been mapped based on the final 2018 school openings, mergers, and closings.

Targets for the all students group and every subgroup for every school, district, and the state are now publicly posted on the [accountability webpage](#) in the Targets section on the right. **Please ensure that your district staff and schools are aware of the finalized targets on the accountability webpage.** If you have any questions, please contact the [Accountability Specialist](#) assigned to your district.

This week's "Extra" recognition goes to **Evon Belflower (Paraprofessional for Quitman County School District)**. Miss Belflower gives an extra effort every day and supports improvement for students with significant challenges. She goes above and beyond to provide the best opportunities for her students. She loves each student like her own! Let's share these exemplary examples by using the following web link throughout the school year: [The "Extra" Award: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things.](#)

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Data Collections:

The FY19 Data Collections Conference will be held at the Classic Center in Athens, GA, August 22 – 24, 2018. Registration will open very soon. You will receive a Portal Message when registration opens. This conference fills up quickly so please plan to register when you receive the message. The following is the link to the conference webpage:

<http://dcconference.gadoe.org/Pages/Home.aspx>. You may book your hotel now.

Please review your district's SPP/APR data on the UAT. Use this link to find your district's report.

<http://archivesuat.doe.k12.ga.us/ReportingFW.aspx?PageReq=211&PID=61&PTID=67&CTID=216&Stateld=ALL&T=0&FY=2017> The APR will be posted publicly soon. If you have questions about your data, please contact Carol Seay at cseay@doe.k12.ga.us

Budget News:

The State Board of Education (SBOE) has approved a reallocation of IDEA 611 (IDEA Flow through) funds. You should see the reallocation amount in GAORS. The grant period for these funds will coincide with IDEA 611 funds that you have already been awarded which is July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. The SBOE has also approved the High Cost Grants, as well as, the Residential and Reintegration Grants. The High Cost Grants and Residential and Reintegration Grants are reimbursement funds and should be expended upon receipt. The grant period ends June 30, 2018. You must activate both grants in order to receive the funds. The Residential and Reintegration Grant is called "Tuition for Multiple Disabilities" within the Consolidated Application. You will receive a Grant Award Notification for all federal funds.

GIMC Updates:

Please send any accessible material orders (braille, large print, electronic) to the GIMC before 5/4/2018. Remember if the book is not commercially available, an ink print will be requested and is required for the GIMC to produce the book. Please make your district staff aware of this requirement to expedite the material production.

The final date to collect notarized consent to register blind students for quota funds is 4/25/2018. After that date all students without consents will be removed from this year's submission list and not be counted. *It is not necessary to repeat this process if consent was previously obtained for students,*

Parent to Parent of Georgia (P2P) Trainings:

April 16, 2018

Transition to Adult Healthcare (Bulloch, Candler, Evans, and Effingham)
Peace, Love and Harmony and the IFSP/IEP (Harris, Muscogee, Chattahoochee)

April 18, 2018

Where Do We Go From Here? (Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton and Douglas)
Moving Up (DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett and Henry)
Moving Up (Dougherty, Lee, Baker Calhoun and Worth)

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Want to Do That! An Overview of Assistive Technology for Parents and Families of Young Children with Special Needs

(Paulding, Douglas, Bartow, and Cobb)

Where Do We Go From Here? Preparing for Transition from High School (Harris, Muscogee, Chattahoochee and Talbot)

Georgia PINES Training:

Georgia PINES is planning summer training for 2018. Attached are the flyers for both the INSITE Program and the SKI-HI Program. The type of teachers/professionals each program is looking for is noted on the respective flyer.

State Fiscal Application for Public Review and Comment:

In order to meet the requirements as set forth by IDEA 2004 for the annual state application of Georgia's grant award under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for federal fiscal year 2019 (2018-2019), the Georgia Department of Education is publishing the following documents for at least 60 days beginning March 13, 2018 with an opportunity for public comments on such plan to be accepted for at least 30 days. Your comments should be forwarded to Zephine Smith-Dixon (email: zsmith@doe.k12.ga.us)

Public Link: <http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/communications/Pages/PressReleaseDetails.aspx?PressView=default&pid=595>

Attachment titles that were included with the April 13 Email Blast.

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|  P2PTrainingsApril16-26.pdf (2 MB) |  2018 Training flyer INSITE.PDF (437 KB) |
|  2018 Training flyer SKI-HI.PDF (990 KB) |  April Directors' Webinar.pptx (2 MB) |
|  Friday, April13th Email Blast.pdf (379 KB) | |

Friday, April 20, 2018

Directors,

State offices will be closed in observance of a state holiday. We would like to welcome Nancy Wallace, Program Specialist, to the Budget Unit. Please see the updated Budget Liaison map for your convenience. In addition to this information, the Georgia Vision Educators Statewide Training will be October 10-12, 2018 (See Attachment).

On Friday, you received an email from GaDOE Federal Programs. Please note the link to access this information. [GaDOE Federal Programs Newsletter](#) As a gentle reminder, please use the link to complete the Preschool Database Practices Survey by May 1st. **Survey Link:** <https://form.jotform.com/80815006929156>

This week's "Extra" recognition goes to **Monica Henderson**. Monica transitioned to a new leadership role, but her commitment to the work continues to support Georgia's students. She has demonstrated great interest in the areas of dyslexia, behavior and overall compliance and received positive feedback about her supports for LEAs as a district liaison for the state. We look forward to partnering with Monica in different ways and wish her the very best. Let's share these exemplary examples by using the following web link throughout the school year: [The "Extra" Award: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things.](#)

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Data Collections:

Each districts' SPP/APR will be available to the public on the GADOE website on Monday April 23, 2018. To navigate to the reports, click on the orange rectangle that says SCHOOL FINDER on the GADOE website. Select District Index, select your school district, select Special Education. Make sure you are on the correct year, 2016-2017. Click the arrow to change the year if necessary. Contact Carol Seay if you have questions, cseay@doe.k12.ga.us

Data Collections Conference: *Registration is now open.* Please register as soon as possible if you plan to attend. This conference reaches capacity very quickly! Also, please secure a hotel room as the rooms as nearby hotels also reach capacity. See the conference website for registration and hotel booking information: <http://dcconference.gadoe.org/Pages/Home.aspx>

Several sessions will be offered regarding special education data collection and reporting for beginners and veteran Special Education Directors. Contact Carol Seay if you have questions, cseay@doe.k12.ga.us.

The Parent Survey remains open for families of students with disabilities until May 15, 2018. Many of our districts currently have a low response rate. This survey can provide your district with valuable information that will help you understand families' perceptions of the services their children are receiving. This is also your SPP/APR Indicator 8 data. Please encourage your families to complete the survey. If you have questions, please contact Carol Seay, cseay@doe.k12.ga.us or Anne Ladd, aladd@doe.k12.ga.us.

MyGaDOE Portal:

As part of GaDOE's continuing efforts to provide a reliable, responsive, and secure computing environment, the MyGaDOE portal will now only support the following browsers:

- Microsoft Edge
- Internet Explorer 11 and above
- Latest version of two other major browsers, **Google Chrome and Firefox**

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the Technology Management Customer Support Team by using the Help-ticket link on the left side of the MyGaDOE portal menu.

GIMC Updates:

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Georgia Department of Community Health (see attached):

Sometimes it can be difficult for parents, caregivers, and others who work with children and families to navigate and access the various services that are available in Georgia. To address this challenge, the Georgia Department of Community Health developed the **Service Map for Childhood Health and Education in Georgia**. This is the link to the **Service Map**: https://dch.georgia.gov/sites/dch.georgia.gov/files/related_files/site_page/Service%20Map_web_homeprint_v12_comp.pdf

Also, a printable copy of the **Service Map** is attached. It may be helpful to share this resource with parents, staff members, and others.

Parent to Parent of Georgia (P2P) Trainings:

April 30, 2018

Sifting Through Your Parental Rights (Fulton, Douglas, Coweta, Fayette, and Clayton)

Making It Count- Focusing on a Vision and Strengths to Get to Measurable Goals (Paulding, Cobb, Douglas, Bartow and Polk)

Facilitated IEP Team Meeting Application for Participation:

IEP Team Meeting Facilitation is a collaborative dispute prevention and resolution process that is now available to all districts. The Facilitated IEP Team Meeting Application for Participation is available on our webpage, and should be submitted by newly interested districts as well as our current districts already participating in the process using the below instructions.

To participate in the FIEP Team meeting program, the application must be received by the GaDOE by May 1, 2018, with the proper signatures:

1. Download the FIEP Team Meeting Application for Participation.
<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/Dispute%20Resolution/IEP%20Facilitation/FIEP%20Team%20mtg%20App%20for%20Participation.pdf>
2. Download the GaDOE Facilitated IEP Team Meeting Procedures Manual.
<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/Dispute%20Resolution/IEP%20Facilitation/Facilitated%20IEP%20Policies%20Manual%20GA%203-1-18.pdf>
3. Obtain signatures from Superintendent and Special Education Director.
4. Upload signed application document using the link posted on the GaDOE Special Education Services and Supports webpage, found under IEP Team Meeting Facilitation by May 1, 2018. [FIEP Team Meeting Application Submission](#)

Questions: Contact Paula Gibson, Program Specialist, Family Engagement and Dispute Resolution Unit, Division for Special Education Services and Supports

Attachment titles that were included with the April 20 Email Blast.

-  Service Map for Childhood Health and Education in Georgia.pdf (3 MB)
-  GVEST SAVE THE DATE Flyer 2018.pdf (52 KB)
-  FY18 Budget Liaison Map .pdf (432 KB)
-  April 30 Dallas Making it Count.pdf (680 KB)
-  April 30 Atl Sifting Through Parental Rights-Corrected.pdf (53 KB)
-  Friday, April 20th Email Blast.pdf (376 KB)

Friday, April 27, 2018

Directors,

I had the opportunity to visit the 37th Annual Career and Technical Instruction (CTI) State Leadership Conference held April 11-13, 2018 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA. The State Officer team presided over the conference with approximately 750 CTI students and CTI Coordinators from across Georgia in attendance. CTI students competed in 31 career related contests showcasing their skills and abilities learned in Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) classes. Competitors interviewed before judges who selected first, second, and third place winners based on scores earned in various skills and presentation categories. Scholarships were also awarded to outstanding CTI students.

CTI students elected state officers to serve in the upcoming year. Students had the opportunity to participate in a talent contest, arts and crafts, and leadership sessions at the conference. Activities such as canoeing, swimming, hiking, field day and a cook out were also enjoyed.

Career and Technical Instruction (CTI) is a specialized intervention service designed to support high school students with disabilities enrolled in Career, Technical and Agricultural Education classes. The primary goal of the program is to provide these students with appropriate supports in CTAE classes that result in the attainment of entry level job skills. The CTI program also assists students in gaining self-advocacy skills and provides students with appropriate transition services.

This week's "Extra" recognition goes to our administrative professionals and paralegal at the Georgia Department of Education (Division for Special Education) **Linda Rawlins, Tonya Moore, Sharon Champion, April Calloway, Yanique Norman, and Carol Cannon**. We celebrated our administrative professionals this past week and wanted to take this opportunity to recognize each of them in the email blast. They provide outstanding supports and help us get the work done. Let's share these exemplary examples by using the following web link throughout the school year: [The "Extra" Award: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things.](#)

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Georgia Sensory Assistance Project (GSAP) (see attached):

GSAP offers 1-day free training on sensory assessment for students with multiple disabilities. Please note the attachment.

IDEAS Updates:

General registration for the IDEAS 2018 conference has closed due to the number of registrants. We are expecting a great conference with many opportunities for networking and professional development. Thank you for all your support of this wonderful opportunity for our teachers.

Guidance on Parentally Placed Private or Homeschool Students (see attachment):

When a parent chooses to withdraw his/her child from public school to a private or homeschool environment, an Individual Services Plan (ISP) should be offered if the child is eligible for any services available under your district's proportionate share agreement. If the parent does NOT want services through an ISP, it is NOT appropriate to ask the parent for a Revocation of Consent for Placement. The student remains eligible for future special education services under an ISP or an IEP. The district continues to be responsible for reevaluation under Child Find. Also, for reporting purposes, these students should be reported for FTE 1 as N (No) for ALL IEP SERVICES. (Code Key: Y = IEP, S = ISP, N = Not Served).

The 2018 Georgia Education Leadership Institute:

Register now for the [2018 Georgia Education Leadership Institute](#) hosted by the Georgia Department of Education and presented by the Georgia Foundation for Public Education. [GELI 2018](#) is September 16-18, 2018 at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in downtown Atlanta.



GVEST – Save the Date Flyer (see attached):

The Georgia Vision Educators Statewide Training (GVEST) will happen October 10th – 12th, 2018. Make plans to attend.

Attachment titles that were included with the April 27 Email Blast.

 SLC Article for Special Ed Press Release.docx (401 KB)

 GSAP Summer Institute 2018.docx (2 MB)

 GVEST SAVE THE DATE Flyer 2018.pdf (52 KB)

 Friday, April 27th Email Blast.pdf (357 KB)