

July Friday Email Blast

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No email blast was sent out on July 6th.

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Friday, July 13, 2018

Directors,

The U.S. Department of Education issued the 2018 determination under section 616 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The Department has determined that Georgia meets the requirements and purposes of Part B of the IDEA. This determination is based on the totality of the State's data and information, including the Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2016 State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR), other State-reported data, and other publicly available information. The determination letter and supporting documents can be accessed using the [SPP/APR webpage](#). For the past three years, Georgia has been identified as "Needs Assistance" for implementation of IDEA. Let's celebrate this progress and continue the great work for students with disabilities.

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We have not scheduled Director's Forums but will include information in an email blast as quickly as possible. The June 2018 Curriculum and Instruction newsletter has helpful information and highlights the new MTSS work. We are going to have a great year-Go GEORGIA!

Zelphine Smith-Dixon

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Final Rule on Significant Disproportionality:

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed on public inspection in the *Federal Register* a final rule concerning the Department's significant disproportionality regulation published December 19, 2016.

With this publication, the Department has postponed the compliance date for implementing the significant disproportionality regulations by two years, from July 1, 2018, to July 1, 2020. The Department has also postponed the date children ages 3 through 5 must be included in the analysis of significant disproportionality, from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2022. The Department

postponed the compliance date in order to thoroughly review the significant disproportionality regulations and ensure that they effectively address the issue of significant disproportionality and best serve children with disabilities. This review is part of the Department's regulatory reform activities pursuant to Executive Order 13777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda."

Please note that postponing the compliance date does not change a State's statutory obligation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to identify and address significant disproportionality. As the Department proceeds with its analysis, States must continue to make annual determinations as to whether significant disproportionality exists in their LEAs. Because this final rule postpones the compliance date of the 2016 regulations, your State may: 1) use the previous method utilized by your State prior to the adoption of the 2016 regulations; 2) use an approach that takes into account any changes your State may have implemented moving towards implementation of the 2016 regulations; 3) implement the standard methodology in the 2016 regulations; or 4) use any methodology it deems appropriate in making annual determinations regarding significant disproportionality. The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) will continue providing technical assistance to States to ensure compliance with the provisions of IDEA. **Please note that Georgia will move forward with implementing the 2016 regulations; local districts will receive additional correspondence.**

Budget Update:

Preliminary FY19 allocations for IDEA 611 and 619, as well as, Parent Mentor allocations are now posted on the Federal Programs website [here](#). We will also create and post the special education file that includes state preschool, CEIS, and indirect costs for FY19 in the near future. We will send a notification in the email blast when that file is available. During the interim, LEAs may calculate 15% of the preliminary federal allocations posted in order to budget for CEIS, as appropriate.

Call for New Special Education Directors for FY19 (See Attachment):

We would like to invite NEW Special Education Directors to attend the 2018-2019 Special Education Leadership Development Academy (SELDA). This academy is a collaboration between the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) and Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education (G-CASE). The purpose of SELDA is to prepare new special education directors through a series of meetings and forums. We are committed to offering the support you need to understand and provide general supervision that monitors the implementation of the IDEA.

If there is space permitting after the New Special Education Directors have registered, we will open registration to district support staff. The 2018-2019 SELDA schedule will be posted soon on the website.

Registration: [2018-2019 Special Education Leadership Development Academy \(SELDA\)](#)

Data Collections:

CEIS Student Data (FY18) and FY19 Plan: For districts required to submit CEIS student data, please note that the 'Submit' button will be active on Monday July 16, 2018. The GaDOE conducts an audit of the student data that districts enter to ensure accuracy of these data by comparing it to the Student Record (SR) enrollment data. The SR data is now available. The CEIS application will conduct the audit and directors may submit their student data once errors are corrected.

The FY19 CEIS application is now open. LEAs with significant disproportionality (FY18 determination) are now able to submit their district's FY19 CEIS plan. Please remember that the FY19 CEIS plan is based on significant disproportionality determined under the current Federal regulation (not the new regulation); therefore, funds may only be spent on early intervening services for students without disabilities. *If you are choosing to participate in CEIS on a voluntary basis in FY19, please inform your District Liaison and Carol Seay.* Questions regarding student data or plan submission may be directed to Carol Seay at cseay@doe.k12.ga.us

The Continuation of Services application will be open on Monday July 16, 2018. You must respond if your LEA suspended students out of school for greater than 10 days without educational services. The deadline for responding to the COS application is August 31, 2018. PLEASE CHECK this application; do not assume that you have no students listed. Please email Carol Seay with questions.

Reminder: The following data are due to be submitted by July 31, 2018: Post-secondary Outcomes, Preschool Outcomes (exit data), and Timelines (Child Find and Early Childhood Transition). All data is submitted in the Special Education Dashboard. If you have questions, please contact Carol Seay at cseay@doe.k12.ga.us

Ga Parent Mentor Partnership 2018 Kickoff Conference:

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Shine the Light on Family Engagement!

Coastal Georgia Center
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Opening Session @ 2:00 pm

<https://gael.ps.membersuite.com/events/ViewEvent.aspx?contextID=e386dc0a-0078-cb96-40e9-0b3e6771035b>

Georgia Vision Educators Statewide Training (See Attachment):

The Georgia Vision Educators Statewide Training will happen October 10 – 12, 2018. Make plans to attend. The conference will again be held at Middle Georgia State University Conference Center in Macon.

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

-  GVEST SAVE THE DATE Flyer 2018.pdf (54 KB)
-  Curriculum-and-Instruction-June-2018-Newsletter.pdf (851 KB)
-  Friday, July 13th Email Blast.pdf (158 KB)

Friday, July 20, 2018

Directors,

We experienced technical issues sending the email blasts; therefore, we resent the past two email blasts (June 22nd and July 13th) on yesterday. As a gentle reminder, we send the blasts to the K-12 Special Education Directors' listserv, as well as, RESA and GLRS. You must be provisioned as a special education director in the GaDOE Portal to receive the correspondence via the K-12 Special Education Directors' listserv. If needed, a public posting of the email blast can be located on the [Friday Email Blast](#) webpage.

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Join the GaDOE in welcoming its new team to support development and implementation of a Tiered System of Supports for Students as funded by the new State Personnel Development Grant. We are excited about the continued implementation of [Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement](#) and believe that the statewide plan to provide a tiered system of supports for districts, schools and students will benefit everyone.

Karen Suddeth will support the team as a Project Director and has worked in the field of education for 32 years as a teacher, school administrator, and district administrator. School improvement has been a special interest.

Carole Carr will support the team as the **Communications & Visibility Specialist**. Carole is a brand and marketing specialist with a passion for storytelling. She has spent the past three years working in higher education, including managing media and crisis communications for Spelman College.

Dr. Jasolyn Henderson will support the team as a **Professional Learning Specialist**. Dr. Jasolyn Henderson is a nationally certified school psychologist (i.e., NCSP). She received her specialist in school psychology from Louisiana State University-Shreveport and her PhD in School Psychology from Georgia State University. Dr. Henderson has been with the Georgia Department of Education since 2010.

Rondalyn Pinckney will support the team for **Research and Data**. Rondalyn has worked in the field of education for 20 years as a teacher, school administrator, literacy coach, program specialist, and professional development facilitator. Her research interests include the assessment and evaluation process and how organizations use their data to facilitate continuous learning and improvement.

We look forward to introducing additional personnel in next week's email blast. Have a great weekend!

Budget Update:

Allocations for IDEA grants, state preschool, and GNETS have been approved by the board. Official Grant Award Notifications will be mailed by August 1st. The allocations with indirect cost rates have been submitted for posting and should be live by Friday, July 20th located on our website [here](#). All LEAs may activate their grants in the Consolidated Application. Funds are loaded generally two weeks after board approval. Please contact your budget liaison for further questions.

Check & Connect – State Supported Intervention Opportunity:

Many districts have expressed an interest in implementing the state-supported intervention Check & Connect. To support those districts who would like to implement this program during the 2018-2019 school year, you are invited to attend a Preparation and Implementation Training session on **September 6, 2018**. This is a requirement for all districts intending to send personnel to be trained as mentors.

This session will provide your district with information on the background, philosophy, and implementation strategies for the Check & Connect model. It will assist districts to identify the structures and personnel necessary to implement Check & Connect with fidelity.

Districts who wish to implement Check & Connect should register **two** district administrators or leadership personnel for the Preparation and Implementation Training.

Districts may register to attend the initial training on September 6, 2108. The sessions will be held at GaDOE and will be from 8:30-3:30.

Once you have selected the initial date for administrators to attend, you will then be able to select dates for the two-day mentor training. Districts may send up to ten (10) participants per district to the initial training.

Please note that to assure implementation fidelity, there is a set limit on the number of individuals who can participate in each C&C training session. Registration for the session (both the one-day Preparation and Implementation and subsequent mentor trainings) will be on a first come, first served basis. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Holland lholland@doe.k12.ga.us or Jeannie Morris jmorris@doe.k12.ga.us

If you are a district **new** to Check & Connect, use this link to register:

[District/Mentor Check and Connect](#)

Important:

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Training Needs for Preschool Special Education Teachers:

Please complete the survey below regarding training needs for Preschool Special Education Teachers. This information will be used to plan training for the FY19 school year. Please respond by 7/27/18. <https://form.jotform.com/81865300429154>



We are just two months away from GELI 2018! If you have not already done so, make plans to attend 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.

There are five easy ways to register:

- [Online Registration](#)
- Fax in the [Registration Form](#)
- Scan/Email the [Registration Form](#) to registrations@ncyi.org
- Phone - (866) 318-6294
- Mail - see [conference website](#) for address

This Institute features over 40 breakout sessions from GaDOE leaders and your peers at the district level. Join other district leaders at GELI (superintendents, principals, central office leaders, etc.) to network and learn! This is where you will receive the updates and supports needed from the Georgia Department of Education. This event continues to grow each year!

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

 [Friday, July 20th Email Blast.pdf \(195 KB\)](#)

Friday, July 27, 2018

Directors,

General Supervision and Implementation Training registration will end on Monday, July 30th. Please submit your registration as quickly as possible to allow us to plan accordingly.

The **HLP Video Series** supports teacher educators and new teachers with concrete, easy-to-access examples of HLPs in action, in real classrooms with real students. The videos and supporting resources are easily and freely accessible online, offering a practical, real-world illustration of HLPs by teachers intentionally and explicitly using the practice to meet the specific needs of students in their classrooms. **HLP videos** highlight research-based practices that are captured in settings that resonate with diverse contexts, subject areas, grade levels, and student needs. Moreover, the videos demonstrate practices across levels of intensity.

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[SELDA - Athens August 21, 2018](#)

[SELDA - Savannah September 5, 2018](#)

[SELDA - Macon October 17, 2018](#)

[SELDA - Savannah November 14, 2018](#)

[SELDA - Macon February 20, 2019](#)

[SELDA - Athens March 18, 2019](#)

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 UPDATE 7.12.18.2018 PMP Kick off Accommodations Listings.docx (57 KB)

 Newsletters Kickoff Edition revised.pdf (156 KB)

 Friday, July 27th Email Blast.pdf (201 KB)