

**EC Division Weekly Update**  
**September 23, 2020**

**Updates on the EC Division Padlet**

- **UPDATED: Supporting SWD When Face Coverings Are A Requirement- September 21, 2020**

**Items of Interest**

**Reading Research to Classroom Practice (RRtCP)/Foundations of Math Courses (FOM)**

Due to COVID-19, many participants were unable to complete RRtCP or FOM courses this past spring. Please see the memo regarding options for completing these courses. **(ATTACHED)**

**Read to Achieve**

Please see attached the Read to Achieve's September edition of "K-3 Lit Bits" newsletter, which includes:

- Regional RtA contact support
- Comprehensive Plan for Reading Achievement (CPRA) introduction
- NCDPI K-3 literacy resources
- RtA legislation links
- And many more helpful resources and links
- [K-3 Literacy September 2020 Lit Bits \(1\).pdf](#)

**Regional Autism Support Team Meetings**

This virtual meeting is for those LEAs who receive PRC-118 Autism funding at the Team Support level and is required. The content provided is to support capacity building in order to improve implementation of Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs). This is not professional learning on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) specific EBPs. It is focused on supporting the development of structures and processes within your LEA to build capacity in the provision of services to students with ASD. Participants will receive updates from the NCDPI Autism Team, planning and implementation content to support teachers and students with ASD in their LEAs, and have the opportunity to network with other Autism Support Teams from across the region. The meeting will be held on October 14, 2020 from:

- 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. for the Piedmont-Triad, Southwest, Northwest and Western regions. Access registration at <https://bit.ly/3k5srtJ>
- 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. for the Northeast, Southeast, North Central and Sandhills regions. Access registration at <https://bit.ly/33IBtvU>

Registration will close on October 7, 2020. Participants will receive .2 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) at the conclusion of their meeting. Please email any questions to [asdteam@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:asdteam@dpi.nc.gov)

**IDEA Grant Reminder:**

EC Directors will receive an email from the NC CCIP platform when the status of the IDEA grant has been changed to NCDPI IDEA Regional Coordinator Approved. Upon receipt of this notification, the IDEA grant is waiting on Chief Administrator (Superintendent/Head of School) approval. The fiscal monitors cannot complete the final review of the IDEA grant until the Chief Administrator has marked the grant as approved. Please work with your Superintendent to ensure timely approval of the IDEA grant.

**Planning Allotment Notice**

DPI Financial and Business Services notified finance officers of a change in the planning allotments. For most PSUs it is a minor change. Finance officers will amend BAAS as needed to adjust for the minor change. Fiscal monitors will review the amendment and notify the EC Director/Coordinator if a change in the IDEA grant is

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needed based on the BAAS amendment. ECD does not anticipate many IDEA grant amendments will be needed for these minor planning allotment adjustments. **However, if you have any questions, please direct them to your Finance Officers or contact your Fiscal Monitor.**

**The following two Items were shared in last week's School Business Newsletter:**

**1. Child Count Transfer System**

The Allotments Section is working diligently to prepare the Child Count Transfer System. Once the system is open, additional communication will be sent out, along with instructions and due dates. We appreciate your patience. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Dearman at [Melissa.dearman@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Melissa.dearman@dpi.nc.gov)

**2. PRC 118 FY 20 Carryover**

The Division of School Business and the Exceptional Children Division have received questions related to the period of availability of funding allotted through PRC 118. Funding through PRC 118, which is generated from the IDEA grant, maintains availability for 27 months from receipt by the SEA, as with all federal dollars. As a special grant, PRC 118 funds are allotted each year from the most recent IDEA award received by the State. Any LEA that does not expend its full allotment for PRC 118 during the fiscal year in which they are granted has had its subsequent year award reduced by the carryover amount rather than having the carryover funding reverted.

For FY 20 PRC 118 allotments, the underlying IDEA funds period of availability ends on September 30, 2021. Because of the disruptions to original project plans caused by the COVID pandemic, the Exceptional Children Division has elected not to make any adjustments to any potential FY 2021 PRC 118 allotments due to excess carryover of previous year funds. Accordingly, units who have received PRC 118 funds will be able to maintain any carryover funds and will not have their FY 21 PRC 118 allotment reduced due to carryover funds.

**COMING: ECATS Progress Report Wizard**

We have received a number of questions and concerns regarding Progress Reports. Please watch for the Monday Message on 9/28/20 for a comprehensive communication regarding the use of the Progress Report Wizard and how to establish the appropriate LEA-level reporting periods for local users.

**ECATS: Configuration Updates for Assessments**

As communicated last week, the configuration for the names of assessment types specific to the new SLD policy, and highlighted on the SLD Tip Sheet, have been added in ECATS. These changes occurred overnight on 9/22/20.

**ECATS: Tip Sheet - RSSD**

In May 2017 during Regional Director's Meetings, the EC Division provided technical assistance regarding how to document the related service descriptions that were once captured on a separate stand-alone form within the IEP. This information was shared again during various other meetings across the state. Recent questions suggest that providing this information again would be helpful. Please see the attached Tip Sheet: Documenting Related Services Support Descriptions (RSSD). This item will also be posted on the ECATS webpage. **(ATTACHED)**

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**Placement Memo**

Please see the memo regarding LEA Placement in Private schools or facilities, community-based facilities or State Agency placements in Facilities located in LEAs. **(ATTACHED)**

<b>COVID-19 Related Information</b>
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**UPDATE: Supporting SWD When Face Coverings Are A Requirement**

It came to our attention that one of the accommodation considerations in the document released last week, *Supporting SWD When Face Coverings Are A Requirement*, had incorrect terminology for an FDA mask. The FDA authorizes medical devices in three ways: cleared, approved, or granted. We have updated that language to "FDA authorized" instead of "FDA approved" to be more general in scope. Please use this updated document going forward.

**#NCBOLD, Beacons of Learner Diversity,**

This first in a series of virtual conferences, was held on September 15th, facilitated by the Division of Digital Teaching and Learning, at NCDPI. There were over 90 sessions designed to support educators in remote learning. The conference sessions and descriptions are viewable at this link: [bit.ly/NCBold](https://bit.ly/NCBold). Sessions that were recorded may be found at the link below. Additional sessions will be added as they become available. <https://sites.google.com/dpi.nc.gov/remote-learning-resources/home/ncbold>

**PRC 132 Reporting**

Please see the attached tip sheet for guidance related to PRC 132 spending and reporting.