

**BCASBO
County BA Notes
December 2023**

1. [ROD Grant Program](#)

FEC (Final Eligible Cost) letters. All the letters have been emailed to the districts. Within two weeks of the email the SDA will contact the district directly to start the process to accept the grant. Do not go out to bid or award contracts until you have completed the process with the SDA.

2. [Release of 2022-2023 FY Audit Summary Application \(AUDSUM\)](#)

The deadline for school districts, charter schools, and renaissance school projects to certify audited fiscal year **2023 AudSum data is December 5, 2023.** Bill pending in the NJ Senate to permanently change the dates to Jan 15 for AUDSUM and Jan 31st for the audit (See email from 12/4)

3. [Release of 2023-2024 Chapter 44 Software Application](#)

The Chapter 44 data collection is due annually **no later than 60 days following each enrollment period.** Questions related to the Chapter 44 Software Application should be directed to the NJDOE Office of Fiscal Policy and Planning at chapter44@doe.nj.gov

4. [QSAC – Deadline to upload is 12/15/2023. Oct 4th Broadcast](#)

Main QSAC Website: <https://www.nj.gov/education/qsac/>

5. [2023-2024 Reimbursement for Providing Additional or Compensatory Special Education and Related Services to Students with Disabilities Beyond Age 21 ACSERS](#)

The application to seek reimbursement for providing Additional or Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (ACSERS) for students with disabilities who were 21 as of July 1, 2023, will be **available starting December 6, 2023,** on the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) [Homerom](#) webpage.

6. [Completing the 2022-2023 Title I Part A Performance Report](#)

LEAs that received ESEA Title I, Part A funds must complete and **submit the report no later than Friday, December 22, 2023.**

7. [Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act School Security Grant Applications Open](#)

The third round of applications for the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act (Bond Act) School Security Grant is now available. Districts that haven't applied in previous rounds or have not applied for their full allocation in round 1 (Fiscal Year (FY)2020)) or round 2 (FY2022), **are eligible to apply for remaining funds.** Questions regarding the School Security Grant application should be directed to SecurityGrant@doe.nj.gov. **Grant applications are due on February 15, 2024.**

Other Items of Interest

1. [NJDOE-Notice Concerning Use of The Workplace Accountability in Labor List](#)
Use of The Workplace Accountability in Labor List (The “Wall”) in Vetting Public Contracts and Persons Prohibited from Public Contracting.
2. [K12 Broadband Connectivity](#)
The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in collaboration with the New Jersey Bureau of Public Utilities (BPU) Office of Broadband Connectivity, is participating in the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s (NTIA) Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. If accepted into the BEAD program, New Jersey intends to leverage federal funds over the next two years to subsidize fiber deployment to every public school in the state that does not yet have access to a 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) symmetrical connection.
3. [New Federal Guidance Urges Expediting ARP-HCY Funds](#)
The United States Department of Education (USED) recently released a Dear Colleague Letter to Chief School Officers urging states to expedite obligating American Rescue Plan Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) funds by September 30, 2024.
4. [GovConnect Enrollment: Procurement News for School Purchasing Officials](#)
The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) strongly encourages all school purchasing officials to enroll in the GovConnect notification system recently launched by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services (DLGS).
5. [Substitute Certification Service Limits](#)
An LEA which employs an individual holding a substitute credential may request an extension of the service limit of 20 days for an additional 20 days, pursuant to N.J.S.A 18:16-1.1(a). Therefore, the maximum number of instructional days for an individual holding a substitute credential is **40 days**, in one classroom. [Substitutes Webpage](#)
6. [ESSER Federal Education Funding Dashboard](#). This publicly accessible dashboard is updated on the 10th and 30th of each month.
7. [Guidance: Preschool Education Aid Funding for Transportation and Renovations](#)
8. [Release of Independent Auditor Information for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023](#)
The 2022-2023 Audit Program and Compliance Supplement have been updated and revised to reflect changes to laws, regulations, programs and financial reporting standards effective for FY2023. For ease of use, new guidance added to the Audit Program has been summarized in the Introductory Section (Significant Changes and Other Changes and Updates).
For more information, please email doe.acfr@doe.nj.gov
9. **The Board Secretary Report guide and sample reports** can be found at: [Board Secretary Report \(BSR\) Samples](#)

10. [Providing Additional or Compensatory Services to Students with Disabilities Beyond Age 21 and Addressing Compensatory Services in the Individualized Education Program](#) The law requires boards of education to offer up to one year of additional or compensatory special education and related services, including transition services, to students with disabilities if a determination is made by the student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) team and the student’s parent that the student requires such additional or compensatory special education and related services.

11. [Employment of Teachers and Certain Professional Staff Members Who Are Retired From TPAF](#)
In August 2023, the New Jersey State Department of Treasury’s Division of Pensions and Benefits (NJDPB) released a Notice to Certifying Officers regarding the one-year extension of P.L.2021, c.408 (Chapter 408) for the 2023-2024 school year. On July 20, 2023, Governor Murphy signed S3798, permitting LEAs to submit new Chapter 408 applications for the 2023-2024 school year.

12. [Purchases and Sales by Schools and Affiliated Organizations \(state.nj.us\)](#)
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Jersey local school districts are political subdivisions of the State of New Jersey. Their purchases, **except purchases of energy**, are exempt from New Jersey Sales and Use Taxes, pursuant to Section 9(a)(1) of the New Jersey Sales and Use Tax Act.