

**BCASBO
County BA Notes
February 2024**

1. [ROD Grant Program](#)

The SDA is in the process of contacting districts 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. Please send questions to: RODGrants@NJSDA.gov

2. [24-25 Budget](#)

The budget system is now open. State aid will be updated in the software by Thursday 2/29. State aid notices should be available at or about the same time.

3. [Chapter 192 Compensatory Education Services for Nonpublic School Students: Eligibility Changes](#)

School districts that have nonpublic schools located within their boundaries are responsible for ensuring that State and federal programs provided to nonpublic school students meet required criteria. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in consultation with and at the recommendation of the Nonpublic Advisory Committee, is implementing a change to the assessment scores that determine nonpublic school student eligibility for Chapter 192 Compensatory Education (CE) services.

4. [SDA and NJDOE Announce \\$75 Million for Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs](#)

The funding is available to offset district costs associated with ensuring students have safe and healthy learning environments. Districts can use these funds for emergent or capital maintenance projects or to offset appropriate project or maintenance costs incurred this fiscal year.

[FY24 District Allocations](#)

[FY24 Required Certification with Attachment A](#)

5. [State Fiscal Year \(SFY2023\) ESSER Performance Report](#)

All local educational agencies (LEAs) that received Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA), or American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund allocations must submit an ESSER Performance Report for State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY2023) (i.e., July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023). **LEAs must complete and submit the report through the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system no later than **March 8, 2024.****

Send questions to: ESSER.Report@doe.nj.gov

6. [NJ Department of Environmental Protection: Electric School Bus Grant Program Announcement](#)

Kickoff of NJ's Electric School Bus Grant Program

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. **Recent Notices of Grant Opportunities:**
 - [Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation Notice of Grant Opportunity \(NGO\)](#)
 - [Notice of Grant Opportunity \(NGO\): Expanding Access to Computer Science High School](#)
 - [Notice of Grant Opportunity \(NGO\): Expanding Computer Science Professional Learning](#)
3. [Supports for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief \(ARP/ESSER\) Funds](#) **UPDATED 2/28/2024**
The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is highlighting available resources.
4. [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.
5. [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**.
6. [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).
7. [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](#)
8. [ESSER Federal Education Funding Dashboard](#) This publicly accessible dashboard is updated on the 10th and 30th of each month.
9. [Guidance: Preschool Education Aid Funding for Transportation and Renovations](#)

10. [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
11. **The Board Secretary Report guide and sample reports** can be found at: [Board Secretary Report \(BSR\) Samples](#)
12. [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.
13. [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.
14. [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.