

BCASBO
County BA Notes
February 2023

1. [Districtwide Budget \(nj.gov\)](#)

The 2023-2024 Budget Software Application is now accessible to authorized school district personnel through the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Homeroom portal. The budget software in the Homeroom portal is named "2023-2024 Budget Statement Software." A list of the screens not yet released will be found on the Home screen in the budget software.

Some key links:

- [Memorandum to 2023-2024 Budget Software](#)
- [Budget Guidelines and Electronic Data Collection Manual](#)
- [2023 School Election and Budget Procedures Calendar](#)
- [2023-2024 School Election Calendar – Change in Election Date](#)
- [Special Education Medicaid Initiative \(SEMI\) Fiscal Year 2024 Reimbursement revenue Projections](#)

Majority of edit messages are now live. A few edits are blocked related to screens not yet released. Appendix B (edit messages PDF) should be available next week.

- Budget Email from County ECBO to go out this week.

Email questions to: budget@doe.nj.gov

2. [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Submission Due Date](#)

ACFR must be submitted no later than **Friday March 17, 2023**

3. [Filing of 2023 Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements](#)

Key Deadlines:

- **April 30, 2023:** Deadline for returning school officials to file their Disclosure Statements.
- **April 30, 2023:** Deadline for board secretaries and charter and renaissance school project designees to review the Disclosure Statements filed by their new and returning school officials.

Note: *Failure to file Disclosure Statements by the deadline will cost points in the QSAC Governance DPR*

- School ethics email: school.ethics@doe.nj.gov

4. [NJSDA and NJDOE Announce Upcoming \\$350 Million Grant Program for Regular Operating Districts:](#)

Under the ROD grant program, school districts are eligible to receive at least 40 percent of approved eligible project costs and some districts may be eligible for a higher share.

The ROD Grant School District Open Application Period is January 30, 2023 – May 1, 2023

5. [Fiscal Year 2023 Reimbursement Payments – ESEA, IDEA, Perkins and ESSERF](#)

As of January 10, 2023, payments to LEAs totaling approximately \$4.8 million have been paid in Perkins funding; \$99 million in IDEA funding; \$69.987 million in ESSA funding; \$681 million in CRSSA-ESSERF; and \$432 million in ARP-ESSERF. While these figures confirm that many districts have submitted regular reimbursement requests and received their funds, the records show that a significant number of districts have not submitted regular reimbursement requests and, as a result, a substantial amount of funds remain in each grant program.

Other Items of Interest

1. [SDA and NJDOE Announce \\$75 Million for Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs](#)
The funding is available to offset district costs associated with taking those important measures and ensuring students have safe and healthy learning environments. Districts can use these funds for emergent or capital maintenance projects or to offset appropriate project costs incurred this fiscal year.
2. [ESEA Title I, Part A Fiscal Waiver Received from the United States](#)
The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) submitted a request to the U.S. Department of Education (USED) to waive the requirement that limits NJDOE's ability to grant to local educational agencies (LEAs) a waiver of the 15 percent Title I, Part A carryover limitation in section 1127(a) to once every three years. **On January 3, 2023, the USED approved NJDOE's Title I, Part A waiver request.** TA sessions will be offered as well as monthly office hours. Check NJDOE Events Calendar. Questions: titleone@doe.nj.gov
3. **Employment of Teachers and Certain professionals staff members who are retired from TPAF:**
<https://www.nj.gov/education/broadcasts/2022/march/9/Chapter%20408%20Hiring%20TPAF%20Retirees.pdf>
4. **Employment of Retired Certified School Nurses:**
<https://www.nj.gov/education/broadcasts/2022/march/9/Hiring%20Retired%20Nurses%20Broadcast.pdf>
5. **The Board Secretary Report guide and sample reports** have been updated for 2022-2023 and can be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/education/finance/fp/af/BSRS.shtml>
6. [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.
7. [Reminder: SAM Requirement for All Discretionary Grant Applicants](#)
In accordance with the Federal Fiscal Accountability Transparency Act (FFATA), all grant recipients must have a current Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). UEIs are the primary means of entity identification for Federal awards and administered by the Federal Government in SAM.gov (System for Award Management).

8. [Office of School Facilities](#)

Project Application Information: <https://www.nj.gov/education/facilities/projectapplication/>

Projects must be submitted to Submission.Project@doe.nj.gov for Non-Educational projects be sure to include the Superintendent transmittal. Non-Ed projects still routed by Trenton to the county office for review and approval after project number is issued. Feel free to cc stephen.burke@doe.nj.gov when submitting projects to the above email.

Non-educational projects that are part of a referendum are handled by Trenton