

**BCASBO
County BA Notes
May 2023**

1. [Budget](#)
Please make sure to email Budget resolution, A4F and Travel resolution (if requested during budget review)
2. [Filing of February 2023 Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements](#)
24 Districts still have one or more disclosures that need to be approved. We will follow up directly until all 63 outstanding disclosures have been approved. **As of 5/15:**
 - **1879 Filers** (9% of all filings in the State)
 - 1805 Approved, 11 Cancelled
 - 10 In Progress, 36 Submitted, 2 Reviewed, 15 Rejected (Total 63 outstanding)
3. [NJSDA and NJDOE Announce \\$120 Million for Preschool Facilities Expansion Projects](#)
Preschool Expansion Projects Open Application Period is March 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023.
4. [NJSDA and NJDOE Announce Upcoming \\$350 Million Grant Program for Regular Operating Districts:](#)
Over 1,400 grant applications have been submitted. They are being reviewed, prioritized and allocated.
5. [Application for Extraordinary Special Education Aid \(EXAID\)](#) The Application for Extraordinary Special Education Aid (EXAID) is available on the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Homeroom webpage. **Applications will be accepted through May 26, 2023.**
6. [Statement of Assurance Submission for Lead Drinking Water](#) The SOA is due no later than 6/30/2023
7. [Preschool Expansion Aid Guidance to Support FY24 Application Submission](#) The Division of Early Childhood Services (DECS) is providing guidance for planning and completing the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO) that is anticipated being released immediately following the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 state budget.
8. [Federal Programs-Pension and Social Security Reimbursement to State of New Jersey for Contributions Paid by the State](#) The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Budget and Accounting has received notification by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury's Division of Pensions and Benefits that the estimated State payment to the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund for Fiscal Year (FY)2022-2023 will be 44.94%. **The NJDOE's website will provide the reporting form for Federal Programs at or around July 2023.**
9. [School District Consultations with Nonpublic Schools Regarding ESSA Titled Programs](#) The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) advises school districts to begin the ESSA consultation process as soon as possible to ensure that all third-party contracts and agreements are executed

no later than June 30, 2023, so services can begin on July 1, 2023. Consultations may be conducted virtually. All signed forms may be collected via email.

10. [Verification of Nonpublic School Transportation Costs](#) Districts that transport nonpublic students may be entitled to additional state aid, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:391(a). **Districts need to complete the Nonpublic Route Verification Report (Verification Report) located on the New Jersey Department of Education's Homeroom webpage by June 9, 2023** to determine their funding eligibility. This verification process is necessary to calculate additional aid reimbursement for nonpublic school transportation expenditures in excess of \$710 per student.

Other Items of Interest

1. [Sustainable Jersey Launches Trees For Schools Grant Program](#) The Trees for Schools program will provide grants to New Jersey public school districts, county and state colleges, and state universities to fund the planting of trees on their campuses. Competitive **grants of \$10,000 to \$500,000** will be awarded to fund costs associated with planning, site preparation, trees, planting, watering, monitoring, and related expenses over a three-year period. Here is the link: <https://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/grants/trees-for-schools/> Applications are due on July 13, 2023 for spring 2024 plantings.
2. [Important Dates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 ESEA, IDEA, Perkins Grant Programs, CRSSA \(ESSER II\)](#) Click the link above for important dates and information regarding the close-out of the FY 2023 federal entitlement grant programs.
3. [Regarding the ARP ESSER Requirement to Reserve 20 Percent to Address Learning Loss](#)
4. [Guidance: Preschool Education Aid Funding for Transportation and Renovations](#)
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. [ESSER Federal Education Funding Dashboard](#) This publicly accessible dashboard is updated on the 10th and 30th of each month.
7. [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.