

**BCASBO
County BA Notes
October 2023**

1. ROD Grant Program

PEC letters have started going out. All PEC letters will be sent during the next week or two. A month after receiving the PEC letter, a FEC (Final Eligible Cost) letter will be emailed. Once the FEC letter has been issued the SDA will contact you directly to start the process to accept the grant. Do not go out to bid or award contracts until your 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.**

3. QSAC – Deadline to upload is now 12/15/2023. Oct 4th Broadcast

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

QSAC H&S website => <https://www.nj.gov/education/qsac/facilities/>

Individual H&S Links:

- [Statement of Assurance](#)
- [Health & Safety Guidance Checklist Instructions](#)
- [Health & Safety Evaluation Checklist \(Word Doc\)](#)

4. 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](#)

5. October 2023 District Report of Transported Resident Students

The District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS) will be available on or about September 20, 2023. **The system will close on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.**

6. 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.

7. 2023-2024 Application for State AID –

The Application for State School Aid (ASSA) will be available on the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Homeroom webpage by early November 2023. **The count date for this year is October 13, 2023.** Prior to the NJSMART snapshot date of October 13, 2023, log into NJSMART and view your school district's Enrollment Report. **Beginning Wednesday, October 18, 2023, LEAs should be uploading the Official Fall Submissions.**

Other Items of Interest

1. [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.
2. [ESSER II – Fiscal Year 2023 Reimbursement Payments and Project End Date](#)
Late Liquidation Request **Due N/L/T Friday 9/29**. [Late Liquidation FAQs](#)
[Late Liquidation for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund \(ESSER II\)](#) Final Expenditure Report (**FER**) **Due 10/20**
3. [ESSER Federal Education Funding Dashboard](#). This publicly accessible dashboard is updated on the 10th and 30th of each month.
4. [Guidance: Preschool Education Aid Funding for Transportation and Renovations](#)
5. [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
6. **The Board Secretary Report guide and sample reports** can be found at: [Board Secretary Report \(BSR\) Samples](#)
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.
8. [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.
9. [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.**

10. [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.
11. [Filing of June 2023 Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements](#)
Be sure to update the June list with qualifying new hires, board members etc.
[School Ethics Commission](#)
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.