

**BCASBO
County BA Notes
November 2023**

1. ROD Grant Program

All PEC letters have been emailed. The next step is to send the **FEC (Final Eligible Cost) letters**. These will be emailed to districts during the next 2-3 weeks. Once the FEC letter has been emailed to the district 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 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/>

4. 2024-2025 Debt Service Data Collection – Reporting Requirements

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Debt Service Data Collection Web Application is now available in the NJDOE Homeroom portal. All school districts with debt service are required to submit their debt service information via the web application. To add new bonds or make changes to the existing data, please notify the NJDOE by emailing debtserve@doe.nj.gov

- **Data must be submitted and certified via the web application by November 29, 2023.**
- Districts that **do not have a debt service requirement in 2024-2025** should indicate this by sending an email to debtserve@doe.nj.gov

5. Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act School Security Grant Applications Open

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce the opening of the third round of applications for the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act (Bond Act) School Security Grant. Any district that has not applied in previous rounds or has not applied for full allocation in round 1 (Fiscal Year (FY)2020) or round 2 (FY2022), **is 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.**

6. Application for State School Aid Now Open

Please certify the ASSA by December 1, 2023

7. 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).

Other Items of Interest

1. [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](#)**
2. [Action Required: Update NJ SMART Performance Reports Submission for 2022-2023](#)
The New Jersey Standards Measurement and Resource for Teaching (NJ SMART) Performance Reports Submission opened on October 18, 2023 and will close at 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on [November 21, 2022](#).
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. [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. [ESSER Federal Education Funding Dashboard](#) This publicly accessible dashboard is updated on the 10th and 30th of each month.
6. [Guidance: Preschool Education Aid Funding for Transportation and Renovations](#)
7. [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
8. **The Board Secretary Report guide and sample reports** can be found at: [Board Secretary Report \(BSR\) Samples](#)

9. [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.

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. [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.