



Weekly Memo

Action Items

Approved Rule

The following rule was approved at the January State Board of Education meeting and will be effective on **February 20, 2018**:

- [6A-1.099828](#), School Accountability for Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Center Schools

Notice of Meeting February 27, 2018

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is proposing changes to its methodology in determining significant disproportionality within a local educational agency and is providing the opportunity for public view and commentary on these proposed changes. Individuals can participate by telephone at 1-888-419-5570, passcode 87277982, and through Adobe Connect at <https://fcim.adobeconnect.com/a826517396/cceis/>. For more information and to view the corresponding Florida Administrative Code notice, go to https://www.flrules.org/gateway/View_Notice.asp?id=20040217.

National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the National Missing Children's Day poster contest. Posters should be submitted for state-level judging, postmarked by **February 16, 2018**. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8177/dps-2018-03.pdf>.

Science IDEAS Webinar

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding a Science IDEAS Webinar. The webinar will be on **March 7, 2018**, at 10:00 a.m. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8179/dps-2018-12.pdf>.

National Missing Children's Statewide Essay Contest

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the National Missing Children's Day essay contest. Each school's winning essay must be submitted by **March 16, 2018**, as directed in the memo. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8178/dps-2018-02.pdf>.

ACCESS Train-the-Trainer Intellectual Disabilities (InD) Events—Revised Dates

At the request of several districts, the dates for the regional InD Coordinators meetings have been rescheduled, with the exception of the Central Region. If you have already made hotel reservations, you will need to cancel them and make new reservations using the revised dates. You will also need to re-register on Eventbrite. ACCESS apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused. The revised dates are as follows: North Region is now on **April 9, 2018**; Central Region remains on **April 10, 2018**; South Region is now on **April 12, 2018**; Panhandle Region is now on **April 18, 2018**; and West Region is now on **April 19, 2018**. For more information, see the attached document. For questions, contact Randy LaRusso, project manager, at larusso.randy@brevardschools.org or Christi Yu, project coordinator, at yu.christina@brevardschools.org.

- Filename: InD Regional TtT 2018

Informational Items

BEESS Welcomes New Staff Members

The Dispute Resolution and Monitoring unit is pleased to welcome Jan Oberschlake in the role of program specialist IV. She comes to BEESS with over 17 years of experience in education. Jan has worked as a middle school exceptional student education, math and reading teacher and as a human resource development specialist and virtual learning coordinator with the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System. Jan can be reached at Jan.Oberschlake@fldoe.org.

BEESS is pleased to welcome Andrew Weatherill in the role of high school counselor consultant with the Student Support Services Project. Andrew earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in counseling psychology at Palm Beach Atlantic University. He has served as a middle school, a high school and a district school counselor and most recently served as the K-12 guidance services specialist in the Pinellas County public schools. Andrew can be reached at andrew.weatherill@fldoe.org.

Updated Accommodations Manual is Now Available

"Accommodations: Assisting Students with Disabilities" has been revised and is now available on the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services' Publications & Presentations web site. To view the manual, go to <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/beess-resources/presentations-pubs/index.shtml#a>.

Medicaid in Schools: Healthy Schools Campaign Highlights Pinellas County School District

The Pinellas County School District was recently profiled in an article by the Healthy Schools Campaign. The article highlights the district's funding of vision screenings through the district's Medicaid reimbursement. The mission of the Healthy Schools Campaign is to ensure that all children have access to healthy school environments where they can learn and thrive. To view the article, go to <https://healthyschoolscampaign.org/health/school-health-services-give-children-bright-future/>.

Student Services Week

Student Services Week was February 5-9, 2018, and Florida student services directors were asked to share stories from their districts that highlight the impact of the work student services

professionals do every day that contributes to the success of our students. Not only did these stories help us celebrate throughout the week, they provided a way for districts to see what their colleagues are involved in across Florida. To view Stories from the Field, use the following links:

- Day 1: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/Whn4sHvR2jA0M/>
- Day 2: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/eSvqDDQQVHkGv/>
- Day 3: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/PRa7BYZZMWd9I/>
- Day 4: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/T5sbYZMKNzhaE/>
- Day 5: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/5AMpq20jDu7SY/>

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We are pleased to announce the scheduling of our second semester regional Train-the-Trainer events for district level Intellectual Disabilities program coordinators. These events are designed to support the teaching and learning of access points in all environments. **PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECTED DATES.**

Please review the locations below and register for the one closest to your district. Attendee’s must register individually on the registration links provided below for the specific location as appropriate. Individuals will be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred for this training. If traveling more than 50 miles each way, participants will be eligible for a hotel room.

If a district wishes to send more than one individual, please contact Access prior to registering.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Christi Yu, Project Coordinator: yu.christina@brevardschools.org, 321-269-2326 ext. 4040

<p>North Region InD Date: Monday, April 9, 2018</p> <p>Location World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Resort 500 South Legacy Trail St. Augustine, FL 32092</p> <p>Registration link: https://northregionind.eventbrite.com</p>	<p>West Region InD Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018</p> <p>Location Sheraton Tampa Brandon Hotel 10221 Princess Palm Avenue Tampa, FL 33610</p> <p>Registration link: https://westregionind.eventbrite.com</p>
<p>Panhandle InD Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018</p> <p>Location Aloft Tallahassee Downtown 200 North Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32301</p> <p>Registration link: https://panhandleregionind.eventbrite.com</p>	<p>South Region InD Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018</p> <p>Location Hampton Inn & Suites Ft. Lauderdale West-Sawgrass/Tamarac, FLS 5701 Madison Avenue Tamarac, FL 33321</p> <p>Registration link: https://southregionind.eventbrite.com</p>
<p>Central Region InD Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018</p> <p>Location The Florida Hotel and Conference Center 1500 Sand Lake Road Orlando, FL 32809</p> <p>Registration link: https://centralregionind.eventbrite.com</p>	