



Weekly Memo

Action Items

Positions Available in the Bureau of Exceptional Student Education (BESE)

BESE is seeking a data analyst program specialist to serve in the PAADS section. To be considered for this position, the applicant must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university as well as certification in special education teaching and experience with teaching students with special needs. The deadline to apply has been extended to **December 10, 2021**. To view the complete job descriptions and to apply (position number 48003297), go to [PROGRAM SPECIALIST IV-DOE - 48003297](#). For questions, contact Jasolin Wiggins at Jasolin.Wiggins@fldoe.org or 850-245-0475.

Commissioner's Academic Challenge (CAC)

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued the following memorandum regarding the CAC. The Intent to Participate form must be submitted by **November 30, 2021**, per the instructions on the CAC website, which is found in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9375/dps-2021-173.pdf>.

Family Empowerment Scholarship and Parental Notification of School Choice Options

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) and Parental Notification of School Choice Options. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice at 850-245-0502. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9384/dps-2021-171.pdf> (Memo) and <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9385/dps-2021-171a.pdf> (Attachment A).

Request to Extend Waiver for Exceeding 1% Participation Cap for Alternate Assessment – Opportunity for Comment

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the request to extend the waiver for exceeding the 1% Participation Cap for Alternate Assessment. Soliciting public and local educational agencies comments is required as part of the waiver extension request. A draft of the waiver extension request is posted at <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/>. Comments may be submitted via email to BESESupport@fldoe.org until **November 29, 2021**. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9395/dps-2021-186.pdf>.

Informational Items

The Bureau of Student Support Services (BoSSS) Welcomes New Staff Member

BoSSS is pleased to welcome Patricia Strickland to the Youth Mental Health Awareness Training Program. Patricia joins us from the Bureau of Exceptional Student Education, where she was a program specialist providing support and serving as the district liaison in the areas of hospital homebound, other health impairment and specific learning disabilities. Patricia has worked in education for over 15 years and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Exceptional Student Education (ESE) from Flagler University. Prior to coming to the FDOE, Patricia worked as an elementary and middle school ESE teacher for the Wakulla County School District. Patricia can be reached at Patricia.Strickland1@fldoe.org.

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