Weekly Memo

Action Items

Notice of Rule Development
The following new rule will have a rule development workshop on January 18, 2023, at 10 a.m. (EST) To register for this workshop, go to the registration web page. To view the draft and submit comments, go to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) State Board Rules Under Review web page.

- Rule 6A-6.03310, F.A.C., Video Cameras in Exceptional Student Education Classrooms Pilot Program (New Rule)

Informational Items

Positions Available in the Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET)
SEDNET Polk, a discretionary project of BEESS, is seeking a senior manager for SEDNET. SEDNET Polk serves the school districts of Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties. The application is open until filled. To view the job description and apply for the position, go to Senior Manager Polk SEDNET, select “HELP ME TO…,” “Apply For A Job,” and then select “APPLY ONLINE” and follow the prompts for applying for the position. After applying online, all applicants must submit a resume, a cover letter and three letters of reference to PCPSJobDocs@polk-fl.net. For questions, contact Denisse Santos at denisse.santos@polk-fl.net.

SEDNET Hernando, a discretionary project of BEESS, is seeking a senior manager for SEDNET. SEDNET Hernando serves the school districts of Citrus, Hernando, Lake Marion and Sumter counties. The application is open until filled. To view the job description and apply for the position, go to the Hernando County School website, go to “COMMUNITY,” and using the dropdown arrow, select “Join Our Team,” select “Jobs” and then “View Open Non-Instructional and Professional/Technical Positions.” To locate this specific job, look for “Manager of SEDNET #19273” or enter 19273 into the filter box. For questions, contact Sarah Merchant at merchant_s@hcsb.k12.fl.us.
Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Tuition Support Program
Does your school district have paraprofessionals who could grow into great special education teachers? The state-funded ESE Tuition Support Program is available to help provide financial assistance to paraprofessionals currently working with students receiving exceptional education in Florida’s public schools. Paraprofessionals who already have an Associate of Arts degree or equivalent college coursework, or those who currently hold a bachelor’s degree in a non-education field, may be eligible to receive tuition support to earn a degree in an initial certification teacher preparation program for ESE, deaf or hard of hearing, or visual impairment. For program requirements, information, and colleges or universities in Florida with eligible special education programs, go to the Para-to-Teacher Tuition Support for Exceptional Student Educators website. For questions, contact Dr. Keri Fogle at paratoteach@uwf.edu.

The Great Reading Games
Let us engage our students and increase their reading stamina. Learning Ally’s Great Reading Games is a seven-week event proven to help educators engage students and increase reading stamina. Struggling readers return to class each day excited to see how many pages they read and if their school has moved up on one of the 12 school leaderboards. Dyslexic and struggling readers have the motivation they need and the recognition they deserve for their reading achievements. The following resources can be used to assist in this event:

- Tips for the Great Reading Games
- Great Reading Games Resources
- The Great Reading Games: Burleson ISD Academy Video

Florida Instructional Materials
How do we help our students get the support they need to read their textbooks? Learning Ally has Florida Instructional Materials. To view their selection, go to the Learning Ally Browse Audiobooks web page, click on “Curriculum” and look for Florida Instructional Materials.

New State Board of Education Rule Regarding Special Magistrate for Unresolved Student Welfare Complaints at Charter Schools

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