



## Weekly Memo

### Action Items

#### **2021 Hospital Homebound (HH) Contacts Meeting**

The 2021 HH Contacts Meeting will be held virtually on **May 21, 2021**, from 9 to 11 a.m., EDT. Patricia Strickland, the BESE HH program specialist, will be presenting along with Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Patient Academic Program representatives. HH contacts and teachers will have an opportunity to discuss ways to support HH students and their families. The registration deadline is **May 14, 2021**. To register, go to <https://forms.office.com/r/9b2dkwhres>. For questions, contact [Patricia.Strickland@fldoe.org](mailto:Patricia.Strickland@fldoe.org).

#### **Prekindergarten Child Outcome Summary (COS)**

Prekindergarten COS Train-the-Trainer sessions will be offered by TATS via a two-day Zoom training series. District administrators can select from two options for participating staff, both options are from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. EST, on **May 19 and 21** or **June 8 and 9, 2021**. It is recommended for district administrators to include those individuals identified as being a part of the initial COS process or those who provide prekindergarten professional development as they will be the ones conducting entry starting **July 1, 2021**, and will play a role in training the rest of district personnel at a later date. All trainings will be done by TATS to support the transition to the COS, which will begin on **July 1, 2021**. The offered training is required by all districts in support of Preschool Child Outcomes - Federal Part B Indicator 7. For districts to register, go to [http://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6gvPNbam4laPhdQ](http://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6gvPNbam4laPhdQ). For questions regarding registration, contact Debbi Nicolosi at [tats-fiu@ucf.edu](mailto:tats-fiu@ucf.edu).

#### **Report of Students Granted a One-Year Exemption from Statewide Assessments**

The Florida Department of Education has issued the following memorandum regarding the reporting of students granted a one-year exemption from statewide assessments. Each district must submit the required information by **June 1, 2021**, per the instructions in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9144/dps-2021-59.pdf>.

#### **Practical Writing Strategies**

The Access Project is facilitating two sessions of Practical Writing Strategies with national speaker, Dr. Janet Sturm, on June 22 and July 12, 2021. The virtual trainings will focus on writing for the purpose of expressive communication. The targeted audience is classroom teachers who

serve students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who have not already attended this training virtually. For more information, see the attached document. For questions, contact Christi Yu at [yu.christina@brevardschools.org](mailto:yu.christina@brevardschools.org).

- Filename: Practical Writing Strategies with Janet Sturm Flyer Summer 2021

## Informational Items

### **Learning Ally 2020-2021 Grant Educator Survey: A Learning through Listening Discretionary Project**

We want to hear from you about your Learning Ally experience. The Learning Ally 2020-2021 Grant Educator Survey results are shared with state-level personnel, and your input is invaluable. The survey has a variety of questions to measure how you and your students use Learning Ally and should take 5-10 minutes to complete. To complete the survey, go to <https://learningallylabs.typeform.com/to/EQiP309h>.

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# Practical Writing Strategies with Janet Sturm

Access is offering virtual training with Janet Sturm for classroom teachers of students with significant cognitive disabilities. This training will focus on writing for the purpose of expressive communication. Janet will be sharing lessons learned from the field and talk about how to conquer common instructional hurdles. Learn hands-on strategies that address how to execute mini-lessons, writing time and Author's Chair to make writing a favorite part of the school day.

**Click on a date below to register:**

**June 22 9:00-11:00 AM EDT**

**OR**

**July 12 1:00-3:00 PM EDT**

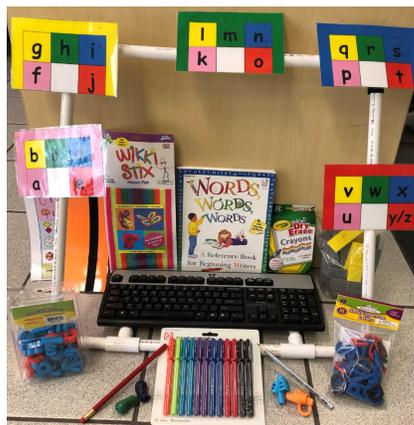
**Intended Audience: current classroom teachers of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who have not previously attended this training virtually.**

**Participants may receive a \$50 stipend and a writing kit for use in their classroom.**

Please enter information into Eventbrite carefully as we will be mailing your writing kits to that address.

**Writing kit includes:**

- Words Words Words book
- Bright Lines Paper with raised lines
- WikkiStix
- Magnetic letters
- Foam magnetic letters
- Pack of gel pens
- Pencils
- Pencil grips
- Materials to make Alternate Pencil Eye Gaze board
- Core communication board



Writing kit that will be mailed following the training if you attend the entire presentation.

Questions please email

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