

**CENTRAL RIVERS AEA
SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING
April 2018**

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DESK AUDIT SUMMARY

The 17-18 desk audit review has been completed and each district and school should have received a notice of any noncompliance items. If you have not heard anything or have questions on the desk audit please contact Eric Heitz at (515)402-3769 or eric.heitz@iowa.gov.

Central Rivers AEA summary of noncompliance items:

- Not meeting offer and teach at the high school (Common reason: CTE area, offering a class over the course of two years, not able to find students to take a course.)
- CTE areas district offers not listed in the annual nondiscrimination notice
- Missing protected class(s) in the nondiscrimination statement

PERKINS UPDATE MEETING for PRINCIPALS

Notice of a Spring Perkins Update Meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 9:30 AM - 3:15 PM, at the Kirkwood Regional Center at the University of Iowa, 2301 Oakdale Boulevard, Room 118, Coralville, Iowa 52241. Lunch will be provided.

The meeting will address local reporting and applications (i.e., claims, accountability, program requirements, etc.) for closing out FY 2018 and to determine what steps need to be taken to plan for FY 2019 (annual plan and budget determination). In addition to the regular Perkins requirements, participants will receive updates on the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Redesign. Federal updates will be presented and the Department will be discussing an area education agency project that focuses on college and career readiness.

A tentative agenda is attached and a registration link is listed below. We encourage high school principals to attend so they can receive all the important updates regarding Perkins, as well as the CTE Redesign, which includes program approval frameworks, Regional Planning Partnerships (RPPs), and multi-year plans.

Registration Link: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/event/2018-perkins-spring-meeting>

Please contact Pat Thieben, Administrative Consultant, Bureau of CTE, at pat.thieben@iowa.gov or 515-281-4707, if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting with you on the 18th.

ANTI-BULLYING AND ANTI-HARASSMENT

A new training module has been posted to AEA Learning System. This module was created by the Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Safe Schools Academy to provide guidance on investigating bullying and harassment incidents in schools. The module is provided at no cost to Iowa district and AEA employees. Any district personnel responsible for investigating reports of bullying and harassment should consider this training opportunity.

MCKINNEY-VENTO SUBGRANTS AVAILABLE

The Iowa Department of Education's McKinney-Vento subgrant application is now open. This opportunity is open to any public school district in Iowa that has identified and reported a minimum of 25 homeless students on Student Reporting in Iowa (Spring 2017 SRI). This subgrant will be implemented through a three-year cycle during academic years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021.

An "Intent to Submit" email must be received by April 16, 2018. Completed application deadline is 4:00 P.M., Monday, May 7, 2018. Award announcements, for this competitive subgrant, will be made by May 25, 2018.

[McKinney-Vento Subgrant Instructions 2018-2021](#)

IOWA LEARNING ONLINE

Summer enrollment is open now at [Iowa Learning Online](#)! French and Spanish levels 1 & 2 are available for the first time during summer, along with more than [50 courses](#). The term begins May 23rd and ends August 3rd (early enrollment ends at 4pm June 1st). If you have enrollment questions, contact the ILO registrar at registrar@iowalearningonline.org or 515-725-2075.

ESSA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WEBINARS

Don't forget a series of webinars is taking place to inform district leadership of changes coming to Iowa School Improvement efforts based on ESSA. This [schedule](#) of upcoming webinars along with access to previously recorded webinars is available on the department's [Differentiated Accountability](#) web page.

STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM

All: The Bureau of Standards and Curriculum is hosting [Future Ready Learning](#) to help educators discover their role in advancing Future Ready Iowa. This one-day event will set the stage for future work aimed at connecting careers and civic life to instruction of the Iowa Academic Standards. It is designed for curriculum leaders including members of statewide leadership teams, administrators, curriculum directors, teacher leaders, and teachers. Future Ready Learning is on June 13 at the FFA Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus from 9:00-3:30. To register, click [here](#). The opportunity is at no-cost to participants

Assessment (ELPA21): As you plan your assessment budget for the 2018-19 school year, please anticipate the following costs for Iowa's English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA21) given to all English Learners: \$30 per student for the summative assessment and \$10-12 for each new student screened. Costs of the screener will vary depending on the amount of hand-scoring needed for the writing and speaking items. Districts will receive a direct billing from the test vendor for the above costs.

Advanced Learner: There are three regional trainings on the Advanced Learner Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Guide in April. The MTSS Guide was created to assist classroom teachers, ensuring all students are appropriately challenged. The Advanced Learner MTSS Guide is written content neutral and can be used across disciplines for K-12 grade learners. Districts are encouraged to bring teams to this opportunity comprised of general education elementary classroom teachers, secondary educators, a counselor, teacher leaders, a building administrator, the g/t coordinator, and g/t teachers. Please register for the trainings on April [10 \(Des Moines\)](#), [17 \(Coralville\)](#), and [20 \(Sioux City\)](#). The [agenda](#) for the day begins at 9:00 and ends at 3:30. This opportunity is at no-cost to participants.

Computer Science: Director Wise [announced](#) that the computer science standards are released for feedback from the Computer Science Standards Review Team. This team has been tasked to recommend voluntary standards in computer science. Please share the [survey](#) with your appropriate administration, faculty, students, and families. The review team will consider all feedback, make appropriate changes, and offer final recommendations to the State Board in June. The application for the Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund will then become available.

Mathematics: What comes after the [shifts in mathematics](#)? [Aligned instructional practice](#) does. You can encourage teachers to use the [Instructional Practice Guide](#) suite of tools.

Science: As we near the end of year three of the Iowa science standards implementation process, now would be a good time for your district team to review the [Iowa Science Standards Implementation Plan](#). Your district may find this [district implementation analysis tool](#) helpful in guiding your on-going review and reflection. Remember, implementation is a journey not an endpoint. As you continue to evaluate your progress, consider: What is your district doing well? What does your district need in order to support effective science teaching and learning? What state, district or community initiatives or partnerships can you leverage in your implementation efforts?

Social Studies: Registration is now open for the [2018 Best Practices in Social Studies Institute](#). This year's institute will take place June 20-21, 2018 at the State Historical Museum and Grand View University in Des Moines. The focus will be on best practices in content, instruction and assessment in relation to implementing Iowa's new social studies standards. When registering, participants will need to sign up to attend the elementary or secondary strand. This year's institute will follow a two-day [format](#): **Elementary Strand** June 20th- breakout sessions/June 21st- all-day workshop with [Dr. Tina Heafner](#) and **Secondary Strand** June 20th- all-day workshop with Dr. Tina Heafner/June 21st- breakout sessions. License renewal credit will be available. Additional information will be posted on iowacore.gov. [Registration](#) will

close June 1st. As always, this institute is free and open to any pre-service teacher, K-12 teacher, or to those who support social studies teachers.

RESOURCES

[Each and Every Child](#)
[School Leader Update](#)
[ESSA Timeline and Webinars](#)
[Deadlines Schedule](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| April 15 | Board resolutions for the budget guarantee due to Department of Management (DOM) | John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov |
| April 15 | Copy of ballot question or resolution for new voter physical plant & equipment levy (VPPEL) (that is not 100% property tax) or ISL to DOM | John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov |
| April 15 | Electronic Budget Certification Date (24.17) | John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov |
| April 15 | Budget Filed with Control County Auditor (24.17) | John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov |
| April 16 | Community Eligibility Provision reporting due on Iowa CNP for all districts (including those not participating in CEP) 7 CFR 245.9(f)(5) | Patti Harding patti.harding@iowa.gov |
| May 1 | Spring Basic Educational Data Survey (BEDS) Opens | Shelly Neese shelly.neese@iowa.gov |
| May 1 | Copy of ballot question for new Voter Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (VPPEL) that is 100% property tax to Department of Management (DOM) | John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov |
| May 1 | Bond resolution filed with control county auditor (76.2) | John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov |
| May 1 | Second semester parental claim forms for nonpublic transportation reimbursement due from parents to district (Iowa Code 285.2) | Max Christensen max.christensen@iowa.gov |
| May 15 | Area Education Agency (AEA) Budget Proposal-Resubmit Unapproved Budget | Denise Ragias denise.ragias@iowa.gov |
| May 31 | Last Date to Amend current year's Certified Budget (24.9) | John Parker john.parker@iowa.gov |

Additional information at [Deadlines](#) or [Calendar](#).

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