



## Weekly Memo

### Action Items

#### **School Year 2022-2023 Mental Health Application**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued a memorandum regarding the 2022-2023 Mental Health Application. Applications must be submitted by **August 1, 2022**, per the instructions in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9589/dps-2022-81.pdf>.

#### **Process for Appealing School Grades, School Improvement Ratings and the Federal Percent of Points Indices for 2022**

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the process for appealing school grades, school improvement ratings and the Federal Percent of Points Indices for 2022. Appeals must be submitted by **August 8, 2022**, per the instructions in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9586/dps-2022-92.pdf> (Memo) and <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9587/dps-2022-92a.pdf> (Attachment A).

#### **2022 Annual Medicaid in Schools Conference**

The FDOE will be hosting the 2022 Annual Medicaid in Schools Conference, "A Collaborative Approach to School Medicaid," in Tallahassee on **September 20-22, 2022**. The purpose of this conference is to review policy updates, guidance and opportunities related to the Medicaid Certified School Match and School District Administrative Claiming programs in schools. There is no registration fee to attend. Note that due to space restrictions, the Medicaid 101 session is limited to 30 participants and reserved for new Medicaid contacts who have not attended a previous Medicaid 101 session. For hotel information and to register, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LHQWRKJ>. As appropriate, please forward the registration link to consultants who serve your school and district.

#### **Purple Star School of Distinction Designation**

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the Purple Star School of Distinction Designation. Applications must be submitted by **September 30, 2022**, per the instructions in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9588/dps-2022-108.pdf>.

### **The Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS) Warmly Welcomes Staff Members in New Positions**

- Dr. Christopher Russell, Senior Director, Program Accountability, Assessment and Data Systems (PAADS)
- Terry Hoffman, Program Director, PAADS, Monitoring and Data
- Austen Ferrier, Lead Data Program Specialist, PAADS
- Chelsea Strickland, Senior Director, Instructional Support Services (ISS)
- Sarah Maxwell, Program Director, Dispute Resolution and Monitoring (DRM)
- Bryce Milton, Program Director, DRM, Alternative Resolution
- Katie Milazzo, Program Director, Communications and Data

To view contact information for BEESS staff, go to <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/staff/>.

### **Position Available in BEESS**

BEESS is seeking a program specialist for its Dispute Resolution and Monitoring unit. As a district liaison, this position assists with the State Performance Plan, dispute resolution, monitoring, legal proficiency and technical assistance with exceptional education, specifically regarding compliance with federal and state requirements in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. To view the complete job description and to apply, go to <https://jobs.myflorida.com/job/TALLAHASSEE-PROGRAM-SPECIALIST-IV-DOE-48003527-FL-32399/904282000/>.

### **Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) Pilot Test Opportunity**

The FDOE and the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson are pleased to announce an important pilot test opportunity in the Speech-Language Impaired K-12 test field on behalf of the FTCE program. Pilot testing is designed to collect information about the performance of new test items to ensure that they are appropriate for use. This no-cost pilot-testing opportunity is computer based and eligible participants will be paid for each completed test form. Those eligible to participate are teacher education students, recently certified educators or degree holders who have received a degree within the past three years, and recent examinees. For more information and to register for this opportunity, see the attached document or go to <https://home.pearsonvue.com/espilot/ftce>.

For more information, contact the FTCE program at [ESFTCE@pearson.com](mailto:ESFTCE@pearson.com).

- Filename: FTCE Pilot-Testing Opportunity

### **2022 Uniform Best Practices for Transition Services and Programs in Florida School Districts**

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the 2022 uniform best practices for transition services and programs in Florida school districts. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9576/dps-2022-103.pdf>.

### **Schools that Received an Incomplete (“I”) School Grade or School Improvement Rating**

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding schools that received an “I” school grade or school improvement rating. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9585/dps-2022-94.pdf>.

### **House Bill (HB) 7, Individual Freedom, School District Responsibilities**

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding HB 7, Individual Freedom, School District Responsibilities. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9578/dps-2022-96.pdf>.

### **HB 1577, Certified Unaccompanied Homeless Youths**

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding HB 1577, Certified Unaccompanied Homeless Youths. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9577/dps-2022-104.pdf>.

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The Florida Department of Education and the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson are contacting you on behalf of the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) program to notify you of an important pilot test opportunity. Pilot testing is designed to collect information about the performance of new test items to ensure that they are appropriate for use.

We are currently recruiting for the following test fields:

- Speech-Language Impaired K-12

## Location and Dates

Computer-based pilot testing opportunities are available now at Pearson Professional Centers throughout Florida. Registration is open now for interested and eligible participants.

Registration: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/espilot/ftce>

## Advantages of Pilot Test Participation (There is no cost to participate in the pilot test.)

- For each test form completed, participants will receive **\$75 cash in the form of a check** (mailed to the address provided).
- Participants will respond to items that may appear on future versions of the test for which they register.
- Participants will gain practical testing experience.

## Who Is Eligible To Participate?

- Teacher education students
- Recently certified educators or degree holders (0-3 years)
- Recent examinees

**Note:** College and university faculty are not eligible to participate in the pilot testing.

## Test Information and Scores

Each pilot test includes approximately 90 multiple-choice questions. Pilot test sessions are two hours and fifteen minutes in length. Eligible candidates may register for up to two sessions. The second registration can only be scheduled after the first pilot test session is completed (consecutive pilot test appointments are not available).

Because information from the pilot test will only be used to evaluate the test items, score information will not be provided. Pilot test results will be analyzed as group data only and will be kept confidential. No information that could identify a particular individual will be released.

Examinees will receive compensation upon verification of satisfactory participation (defined as a completed test form with at least 25% of items answered correctly). Examinees will be required to complete a W-9 form prior to receiving compensation, are responsible for any applicable taxes, and should allow 10-12 weeks for processing.

**Eligible candidates should visit the pilot test website to register:**

<https://home.pearsonvue.com/espilot/ftce>

After an examinee schedules a pilot test appointment, Pearson VUE will email a confirmation listing the test date and testing time, the address and phone number of the test center, and directions to the test center. If an examinee is unable to keep the appointment, a cancellation should be made at least 24 hours before the scheduled test time.

For more information about pilot test participation, please contact the FTCE program at [ESFTCE@pearson.com](mailto:ESFTCE@pearson.com).

Thank you for your assistance in the development of the FTCE program.