



## Weekly Memo

### Action Items

#### **Exceptional Student Education Rule Development Workshops and Public Comment**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued the following memorandum regarding two exceptional student education rule development workshops and opportunities for public comment. The rule development workshop for Rule 6A-6.03311, F.A.C., will be on **April 19, 2021**, at 10 a.m., EDT, and the rule development workshop for Rule 6A-1.0943, F.A.C., will be on **April 20, 2021**, at 2 p.m. EDT. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9131/dps-2021-55.pdf>.

#### **Working with the Experts (WWE) Leaders' Event for District Contacts**

WWE is pleased to announce that registration is open for the WWE Leaders' Event for district occupational therapist, physical therapist and speech-language pathologist coordinators or their designees. The virtual event will take place on **April 20 and 22, 2021**, from 9 a.m. to noon EDT. Once registration is complete, a Zoom link will be provided via participant email. For more information, go to <https://flwwe.net/PublicSideEvents.aspx?eventTypeID=1001>. For registration questions, contact Alice K. Emery at [aemery@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:aemery@coe.ufl.edu) or Peg Sullivan at [msulliva@fgcu.edu](mailto:msulliva@fgcu.edu).

#### **FDOE's Office of Early Learning and Key Partners Hosting Transition to Kindergarten Virtual Summits Starting April 20, 2021**

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the Transition to Kindergarten Virtual Summits. The North Regional Summit is on **April 20-21, 2021**; the Central Regional Summit is on **April 27-28, 2021**; and the South Regional summit is on **May 4-5, 2021**. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9126/dps-2021-56.pdf> (Memo), <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9127/dps-2021-56a.pdf> (Attachment A), <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9128/dps-2021-56b.pdf> (Attachment B), <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9129/dps-2021-56c.pdf> (Attachment C) and <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9130/dps-2021-56d.pdf> (Attachment D).

#### **Florida Civics and Debate Initiative – Florida Speech and Debate Team Mini Grants**

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative – Florida Speech and Debate Team Mini Grants. Applications must be received by **April 23, 2021**, per the instructions in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9123/dps-2021-51.pdf>.

## Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (E/BD) Contacts Meeting - Healthy Minds & Healthy Future Conference

The virtual statewide E/BD Contacts Meeting will be on **May 5, 2021**, from 10 to noon. This E/BD contacts meeting will provide the most recent data for E/BD students, informative information pertaining to systems of care, connections to state and local resources, and an overview of supports through the Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET). In addition, there will be a one-hour special training session only open to E/BD contacts and SEDNET project managers with Jessica Minahan, M.Ed., BCBA, on **May 6, 2021**, at 1 p.m.

After the E/BD Contacts Meeting, the 3rd Annual Making Wellness a Priority: Healthy Minds & Healthy Futures Conference will take place virtually on **May 5-7, 2021**. Each E/BD district contact must register with SEDNET, who will pay the conference fees (one per district). All other attendees should register via Whova. This conference will focus on emotional, behavioral and mental health, specifically addressing the impact of these areas on youth and families in home, community and school setting. Specific topics include social emotional learning/wellness, mental health 101, understanding juvenile justice, virtual fatigue, trauma, resilience, transition and much more. Conference participants will earn continuing education credit and will experience exceptional training in camaraderie with other attendees. For more information and to register, see the attached document.

- Filename: 2021 EBD and HMHF Registration

## Learning Ally's Spotlight on Dyslexia Virtual Conference

Learning Ally's Spotlight on Dyslexia virtual conference will be on **June 4, 2021**. Give your teachers the opportunity to have an immediate impact in their instruction while earning up to 12 continuing education credits by attending a full day of dyslexia-focused professional learning. The conference will address indicators, screening and assessment, instructional strategies, and research-driven technology and tools. Registration is at no cost. For more information and to register, see the attached document.

- Filename: Learning Ally's Spotlight on Dyslexia Virtual Conference

## Informational Items

### Position Available in the Bureau of Exceptional Student Education (BESE)

BESE is seeking a training specialist within its Program Accountability, Assessment and Data Systems unit. The specialist will be responsible for developing, disseminating and processing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grant application forms and instructions to school districts and other applicants utilizing management systems and other software technologies. The specialist's responsibilities also include providing technical assistance to FDOE staff, school districts, and other entities related to project and grant administration and management; participating in professional development activities including technical assistance calls, webinars and other trainings; and assisting in completion of special education annual federal data reports and the Annual Performance Report. To view the job description and to apply (Job ID 48673 Training Specialist), go to [https://jobs.omni.fsu.edu/psc/sprdhr\\_er/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS\\_HRAM\\_FL.HRS\\_CG\\_SEARCH\\_FL.GBL?Action=U&Page=HRS\\_APP\\_SCHJOB\\_FL&](https://jobs.omni.fsu.edu/psc/sprdhr_er/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS_CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?Action=U&Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB_FL&).

## **Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) Virtual Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) Interactive Learning Series**

The FSDB is excited to continue our Virtual ECC Interactive Learning Series for children ages 3 through 17 who are deaf or hard of hearing (DHH) or blind or who have visual impairments (BVI). Students who have an active individual educational plan with DHH or BVI as their primary exceptionality are eligible to register for these exciting sessions. (Note that this learning series is not currently offered to FSDB students.) The virtual ECC sessions are available at no cost, and all registered children will receive materials delivered to their homes for participation via live conferencing and engaging online classroom activities. Each lesson is led by certified teachers with experience working with students who are DHH or BVI. For sessions, dates, ages, times and to register, see the attached document or go to <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ehmq5ckg74bdac22&llr=qd87qgabb>.

- Filename: FSDB Summer Interactive Learning

## **Florida School Volunteer Appreciation Month**

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding Florida School Volunteer Appreciation Month. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9132/dps-2021-54.pdf>.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Making Wellness a Priority: Healthy Minds & Healthy Futures Conference May 5-7, 2021

**Virtual Conference through Whova  
Register today!**

[https://whova.com/portal/registration/hmf\\_202105/](https://whova.com/portal/registration/hmf_202105/)

**The E/BD contact meeting is on May 5, 2021.  
SEDNET will fund one E/BD contact per district.**

**Please register here:**

[https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3mznVVFZ4wwSg86](https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3mznVVFZ4wwSg86)

This exciting statewide conference will bring together national and local speakers and presentations to share innovative and proven practical approaches in the area of secondary transition of youth with emotional and mental health disabilities, specifically addressing employment, community engagement and systems of care.

**Keynote Speaker: Jessica Minahan, International Speaker/Consultant  
and Behavior Analyst**



Jessica Minahan, MEd, BCBA, is a licensed and board-certified behavior analyst, special educator, as well as a consultant to schools internationally ([www.jessicaminahan.com](http://www.jessicaminahan.com)). Jessica has over seventeen years of experience supporting students who exhibit challenging behavior in urban public-school systems. She is the co-author of *The Behavior Code: A Practical Guide to Understanding and Teaching the Most Challenging Students* (Harvard Education Press, 2012) and author of *The Behavior Code Companion: Strategies, Tools, and Interventions for Supporting Students with Anxiety-Related or Oppositional Behaviors* (Harvard Education Press, 2014).

## Florida Educators Can Register for Learning Ally's Spotlight on Dyslexia *for Free*



**Spotlight on Dyslexia | Friday, June 4, 2021 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM CT**

Spotlight on Dyslexia, Learning Ally's premier professional learning event, is perfect for any K-12 educator or administrator who wants to learn more about dyslexia, the science of reading, and creating a culture of literacy.

### What Will You Learn at Spotlight on Dyslexia?

- » How to create a culture of literacy where everyone on your school campus or district gets involved in being a literacy leader.
- » Best practices and new research-based strategies to help grow your teaching skills, including identifying and supporting students with reading deficits like dyslexia.
- » Gain expertise on how to handle learning loss when students come back to school next year and ensure you can effectively keep them on track to succeed.

### What's New This Year?

We're introducing a new, more robust hosting platform that promises enhanced interactive features for a more immersive event experience.

- » Live polling, Q&As, and the opportunity to communicate directly with speakers
- » Meet and chat with our sponsors
- » Live networking opportunities via app or desktop
- » On-the-go mobile app allows you to stream the event no matter where you are

### Earn Up To 12 CE Certificates

Earn up to 12 CE Certificates by attending Spotlight on Dyslexia. CECs are earned by viewing sessions live, on the day of the event, or anytime on-demand through December 1, 2021.

### Free Registration for Florida Educators

Learning Ally has partnered FLDOE/BESE to provide FREE registration to Florida Educators. Spaces are limited, though, so act quick!

Use code **SPODFL** and [register today!](#)

Want to learn more about Spotlight on Dyslexia, Contact us at [spotlightdyslexia@learningally.org](mailto:spotlightdyslexia@learningally.org)



# FSDB Virtual ECC Interactive Learning Series

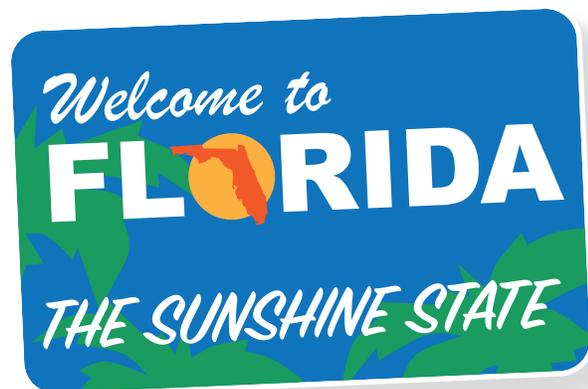
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The virtual ECC sessions are available at no cost. All registered children will receive materials delivered to their homes for participation via live conferencing and engaging online classroom activities. An adult must participate in all activities with your child and register prior to the event. These sessions are for eligible Florida students ages 3-17 who are either D/HH or B/VI.

Each lesson is led by certified teachers with experience working with students who are D/HH or B/VI. Below are the date and times for age, specific events.

## Sessions, Dates, Age & Times

- **Searching for Sunshine (ages 3-5)**  
June 19, 2021, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.
- **DIY Robotics (ages 14-17)**  
June 19, 2021, 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
- **Discovering Hidden Treasures in Florida (ages 6-9)**  
June 22-24, 2021, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Discovering Hidden Treasures in Florida (ages 10-13)**  
June 29- July 1, 2021, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.



**Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind**

*Do More. Be More. Achieve More.*

Register at: <http://bit.ly/FSDBECCSummer>