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December 2006

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December Trainings:

- December 7 – Leadership Academy Day 3 (Tours) OLLU & SAC
- December 8 – NGS Series Day 2
8:30 – 3:30 (ESC-20 Tech Lab 1)
- December 12 – NGS Series Day 2 (Uvalde)
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (Uvalde Technology Center)

January Trainings:

- January 10 – Migrant Directors' Meeting
1:00 – 4:00 (ESC-20)
- January 17 – ID&R Series Day 2
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (ESC-20)
- January 18 – ID& R Series Day 2 (Eagle Pass)
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (Texas Workforce Center)
- January 19 – ID& R Series Day 2 (Eagle Pass – Repeat)
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (Texas Workforce Center)

Register for sessions through ilearning at: <http://www.esc20.net/>
Click on the workshop tab

National Migrant Education Conference

The National Migrant Education Conference will be in Phoenix, Arizona on April 29 – May 2, 2007. The deadline for workshop proposals submission is Friday, December 15, 2006. For more information, please visit <http://www.nasdme.org>

NGS

Deadlines Coming Up:

For more information on deadlines, please refer to pages 4-6 of the NGS Required School District/ESC Activities.

- Secondary Credit – Fall grades by January 30th
- Run Missing Credit & Partial Credit Report by January 15th
- Input into NGS Missing Credit & Partial Credits by January 30th

*Monthly Reports (**Must be run monthly**)*

- District Report
- Unique Report
- Priority for Services
- Continuation of Services

Highly recommended Reports:

- Residency Verification
- Two year olds turning three (P2-P3)
- PFS Tracking Report

NGS Information:

- Each NGS site must keep a terminal site log for daily incoming data.
- *NGS Specialist must never delete enrollment lines when a student has been misidentified as migrant. (*Must notify ESC-20)

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Leadership Academy Day 3

On December 7, 2006 we plan to visit Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) and San Antonio College (SAC). More information will be coming soon. Please mark your calendar.

If you have any questions please contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426 or by email at veronica.alvarez@esc20.net . Fax: 210-370-5744

Leadership Academy Day 4

On February 7, 2007 the MERV (Mobile Education Resource Vehicle from COSTEP) will be at ESC-20 to help students and parents fill out and file their FAFSA on-line. Be sure that all of your students have a copy of the **FAFSA ON THE WEB WORKSHEET**. ESC-20 has some extra copies at ESC-20 if you need them. Additional copies can be ordered at www.fafsa.ed.gov. For copies from ESC-20, contact Pamela Chambers at 210-370-5730 or by email pamela.chambers@esc20.net .

During this Leadership Academy, parents and/or students need to bring all of their income tax information and their completed FAFSA Worksheet. Seniors must have applied for their FAFSA PIN before the winter holidays.

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Migrant Education Program (MEP) Directors' Meetings

January 10, 2007 and April 12, 2007

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: ESC-20

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Click on the workshop tab.**

Searching for Tutors

ESC-20 is searching for part time Adjunct - Migrant Tutors for San Antonio and surrounding areas. For more information go to www.esc20.net click on the Employment tab, search for Adjunct – Migrant Tutor or IRC1019.

All applicants must apply on-line.

Migrant Early Childhood Series

Feb. 16 & April 5

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ESC (Conference Center)

Migrant Home-based and Center-based Educators and Migrant Recruiters will learn about various early childhood programs. Topics will include Violence Prevention, Child Abuse, Developmentally Appropriate Classroom Practices, Parental Involvement, "Ouchless" House and Nutritious Cooking Activities/Snacks.

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Request for Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Nominations

The State Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is required to have statewide representation. The state is soliciting nominations from migrant-funded districts with migrant parents who are interested in serving on the State PAC. It is preferred that parents who are nominated have experience working in their local parent advisory councils. Nominees must have at least two years remaining of eligibility on their COE, have children enrolled in the school they will be representing, be willing to travel to meet at least three times annually, and be willing to serve for a two-year term.

If you have a migrant parent you would like to nominate, please visit the NCLB website for instructions and forms. The nomination form must be signed by the district's superintendent.

If you have any questions regarding the State PAC, please contact the State Migrant Education Program at 512-463-9374.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When should I call a district to request a COE?
 - o A COE should always be requested from the previous district. A courtesy call should be made to a district if a family plans to move into their district or if a family has moved into a district. Districts should always check NGS prior to entering a new enrollment line and should have the previous COE to check for accuracy. The previous district must withdraw the student.
2. Are "Residency Only" children counted on the federal performance counts?
 - o Yes, if they are within the ages of 3 and up to 22 years. Since there is neither an enrollment nor withdrawal date entered on NGS for "Residency Only" students, their inclusion in the Category 1 Count is dependent upon the recording of residency verification on the appropriate NGS history line for 06-07.
3. Is a first-time move from Mexico to Texas considered differently than a move from one school district to another within Texas or from another State to Texas?
 - o No. While moves **to** Mexico never qualify for the MEP, a move **from** Mexico to a school district in Texas is considered the same as any other move in which qualifying work is obtained, such as a move from one school district to another within Texas or from another state to Texas. As long as qualifying work is obtained, it does not matter that it is a "first-time" move. The reason for this is that there is a historical pattern of migration from Mexico to the United States to perform temporary or seasonal work in agriculture.

For any questions, comments, or if you have information you would like to share in the monthly newsletter, please contact Veronica Alvarez at veronica.alvarez@esc20.net
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