

Migrant News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2009

☒ JANUARY 14, 2009

TETN RIF TRAINING	MEP DIRECTOR'S MTG
TIME: 9:00 – 12:00	TIME: 1:00 – 4:00
LOCATION: ESC-20	LOCATION: ESC-20

☒ JANUARY 27, 2009

FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SYMPOSIUM
TIME: 8:30 – 4:30
LOCATION: ESC-20

FEBRUARY 2009

☒ FEBRUARY 16, 2009

ID&R SERIES DAY 2
TIME: 8:30 – 4:00
LOCATION: ESC-20

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

ID&R SERIES DAY 2 (UVALDE)
TIME: 8:30 – 4:00
LOCATION: EL PROGRESO LIBRARY, UVALDE TX

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

ID&R SERIES DAY 2 (EAGLE PASS)
TIME: 8:30 – 3:30
LOCATION: DE LUNA TECHNOLOGY CENTER, EAGLE PASS TX

Reading Is Fundamental

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff will be providing the annual training for the 2009 Texas Migrant Summer Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program. Please note: ESC sites will have dialogue access, while districts will have view access only. The TETN is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2009 from 9:00 – 12:00.

The RIF Program is designed to build students reading awareness and provide reading materials for students at home. There is no cost for districts participating, but guidelines and procedures will be discussed at the TETN. We encourage all districts to participate. ■



*Good children's literature appeals not only to the child in the adult, but to the adult in the child.
~Anonymous ~*

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New Generation System (NGS)

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DEADLINES PLEASE REFER TO PAGES 5-7 OF THE NGS IMPLEMENTATION REQUIRED SCHOOL/DISTRICT ESC ACTIVITIES.

- Secondary Credit Fall Semester 9-12 Grades**
Submission to terminal site: 10 working days after end of the fall semester.
Entry into NGS: February 27
- Missing Credits & Partial Grades Consolidation**
Submission to terminal site: Run report by January 15
Entry into NGS: January 30
- Alternate ID Number**
Submission to terminal site: Run report by February 13
Entry into NGS: February 27

MONTHLY DISTRICT REPORTS:

- District, Unique, Priority for Services & Continuation of Services

REPORTS SENT TO ESC (VIA NGS):

- P2 turning P3
- Graduation Plan (without)

NGS INFORMATION:

- Each NGS should stamp all incoming data.
- Districts must never delete enrollment lines.
- Notify the ESC for enrollment line deletions.

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NGS Quality Control

ESC Staff will be conducting NGS Quality Control from January – March, 2009. Districts will be contacted 1 – 2 weeks in advance. We will review the items from the NGS Manual pages 22-32. In addition, we will review COEs and answer any questions you may have related to NGS or ID&R. NGS Data Specialist(s) **must** be present during the NGS Quality Control.

For more information, please contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426 or at

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Migrant Student Information Exchange System (MSIX)

The MSIX agreement has been signed. Texas has already uploaded live data to the system, but daily downloads have not begun. At our last NGS meeting, Data Specialists were provided information regarding cleaning up the system. Please continue to clean up NGS for data accuracy. Users will not get user IDs until training is provided to all ESCs and the system is ready for use. More information to follow. ■

Migrant Documentary

The Harvest/La Cosecha is a documentary about the story of migrant children who work to feed America. U. Roberto (Robin) Romano is an award winning photographer, filmmaker and human rights educator. For more information about the documentary you can go to www.shineglobal.org

Mr. Romano came to Texas in search of potential children and families that would tell their story and the struggles they endure. Mr. Romano will be returning to Texas to interview more migrant children. He is in search of migrant children between the ages of 9 to 15 whose life would make them compelling characters for the upcoming documentary. The children should migrate frequently, or each summer, and children must be willing to discuss their hardships and the type of work they do.

Mr. Romano will be returning soon, if you have a student who fits this profile, or have questions, please contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426 or veronica.alvarez@esc20.net ■

MEP Statewide Survey

A survey will be distributed to all Districts in January. Once the survey is received, coordinators will have 4 weeks to complete and return. The survey must be completed by each Independent Project District. The email will be sent from MGT of America, Inc. Please check your email for the following web address @mgtofamerica.com

A sample summary of questions will be provided at the MEP Director's Meeting. The survey will be very straightforward and answers should be specific to your Migrant Program.

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2009 National Migrant Education Conference

The National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education, (NASDME) Conference will be held from Sunday, May 3, 2009 through Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Proposals are being accepted through Friday, January 9, 2009.

NASDME plans to have more than 160 workshops and four general sessions covering topics that will help all migrant educators and staff better assist the migrant families, children and youth.

The Marriott Rivercenter and Riverwalk will be the conference hotel offering rates at \$179. The Menger Hotel has a block of rooms at \$85 (single) and \$95 (double) a night. This block of rooms is open, but only while availability lasts. The Menger Hotel can be accessed at www.mengerhotel.com

For more information regarding the conference please visit their website at www.nasdme.org ■

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: As an Independent Project District are we required to have a Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)?

A: Yes. PACs are an integral part of all Title I programs, including the MEP. Districts must consult with PACs in planning and operating the MEP.

Q: What resources are available for PAC meetings?

A: The State MEP has developed a new resource titled, "Texas MEP Guide for Planning Local Migrant Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting, which can be viewed at <http://ritter/tea.state.tx.us/nclb/> under the Migrant tab - State PAC and resources. It provides agenda topics.

Q: Who should attend the Annual Interstate Secondary Credit Accrual workshop?

*A: Target audience is Migrant Program Administrators, Migrant Service Coordinators, Secondary Curriculum Administrators, Junior and High School Counselors, Registrars, Secondary NGS Clerks & Recruiters and any person(s) who has the **responsibility** of awarding credit for the district. For more information go to www.psj.tmp.schoolfusion.us/ ■*