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Submission: Solicitation for New State-Funded SROs, Training, and Equipment

Department: Finance

Due Date: 11/30/2022

Details: The South Carolina Department of Public Safety's Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs (OHSJP) will be releasing a new School Resource Officer (SRO) Program solicitation, which will accept requests for the following:

•New state-funded SRO positions, including training and equipment for those positions, in schools that do not have an SRO;

The application will consist of two parts: Part 1. The school will complete a brief application form, to be signed by the school leader, which will include:

-Contact information for the school and the law enforcement agency;

-A memo from your local law enforcement agency that indicates the agency is able to assign a full-time SRO to the school within 90 days from the award of funding. Training and equipment details or costs will not be required to be provided by the agency. Part 2. The Institute will work with your law enforcement agency to build a budget request.

Please work with your local law enforcement agency to pre-plan for the solicitation. Please note that the school will not automatically receive the funding by completing the application. The Institute will keep you posted on when the application becomes available. Please reach out to John Li, 803-849-2459, if you have any questions.

Submission: October 2022 Journal Entry Upload

Department: Finance

Due Date: 11/30/2022

Details: As outlined in Section 8.7, Monthly and quarterly reporting, of the Charter Contract, the School shall be responsible for entering a monthly upload of all financial transactions in the format prescribed by the Sponsor by the 15th day of the subsequent month and a yearly upload of the audited adjustments by November 15. In addition, the School shall be responsible for submitting a quarterly financial statement in the format prescribed by the Sponsor by the 15th day of the month following the end of each quarter. The Parties agree that it is the responsibility of the Sponsor to use any financial information it obtains, including reports and audits, to monitor the fiscal condition and compliance of the School.

Submission: MLP Professional Development

Department: Title III ESOL

Due Date: 11/30/2022

Details: Please submit the Profession Development provided to the teachers at your school related to the ML Program.

Submission: EOC Precode Check Winter 22-23

Department: Assessment

Due Date: 11/28/2022

Details: Attached you will find your school's file as pulled from precode for Winter EOC. Once you have confirmed the information is correct, there is one question for you to answer to confirm that check. Contact hholliday@erskinecharters.org with questions.

Submission: Return to Instruction Plan - Winter 2022-23 Updates (Steps 2+3)

Department: Federal Programs Finance

Due Date: 12/02/2022

Details: ESSER III Return to Instruction Plans must be reviewed/updated every 6 months. There are three steps to this process. Step 1: Seek public input - The Institute has prepared a survey for all schools to use, and we will share the anonymous results with each school. Step 2: Update you school's Return to Instruction Plan as needed based on stakeholder feedback. Step 3: The Institute will request your updated plans as applicable, and consolidate them into one "District" plan. Schools must post their individual plans onto their website, and the Institute must post a consolidated "District" plan as well. The SCDE deadline for the Institute to complete this requirement is December 16, 2022.

Announcement: Teaching Fellows Application Information

Contact Person: Robbie Anderson

Department(s): Human Resources and Benefits

Start Date: 10/06/2022

End Date: 12/01/2022

Details: The SC Teaching Fellows Application window is October 1st- December 1st.

Here's what you need to know about the Teaching Fellows Program.

•Includes enrichment programs, professional development, and leadership opportunities

•Supplies up to a $6,000 fellowship annually for four years (as long as the student is in the process of completing a degree leading to initial teacher certification and meets the criteria to continue in the Program)

•Requires participants to agree to teach in a South Carolina public school one year for each year funding is received and sign a Promissory Note along with a surety

Teaching Fellows must attend one of the eleven Teaching Fellows Institutions. These include Anderson University, Charleston Southern University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Francis Marion University, Lander University, USC Aiken, USC Columbia, USC Upstate, and Winthrop University.

To apply for Teaching Fellows, a student must be:

•a United States citizen or will be an eligible non-citizen under State Residency statutes at the time of high school graduation (Please note - students categorized as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are not eligible for Teaching Fellows.)

•a legal resident of South Carolina (Please note - The Teaching Fellows Institution will verify residency after a student has been offered an award.)

•a high school senior or a junior who is graduating early

Here's what you need to know about the Teaching Fellows application:

•Kaleidoscope hosts the application.

•The Kaleidoscope system saves students' applications as they move through the process. This allows the student to complete the application over an extended period, as necessary. Students must use the same email address to create the application and log in.

•Students may edit their application, even after submission, as long as the edits occur before 11:59 PM on December 1, 2022.

•Students will be asked to enter their school counselor's name and email address during the application process. Once entered, the Kaleidoscope system will email the counselor and provide instructions on creating an account and uploading a transcript. Students can also download and deliver a letter to their counselor. Transcripts will be automatically attached to the student's application.

•Students will be asked to enter their references' names and email addresses during the application process. Once entered, the Kaleidoscope system will email each reference and provide instructions on creating an account and completing the reference survey. Students can also download and deliver a letter to their reference. Reference surveys will be automatically attached to the student's application.

•Applicants will have access to their personalized Kaleidoscope dashboard, where they MUST monitor the submission of their transcripts and reference surveys.

•Students must complete the application online via the Kaleidoscope system.

Announcement: New STC Academy December--Mid Year

Contact Person: Heather Holliday

Department(s): Assessment

Start Date: 11/01/2022

End Date: 12/12/2022

Details: This meeting will focus on: 1--Lessons learned; 2--How to move forward; and 3--Celebration. The meeting will be via Zoom for all first and second year STCs, but any member of the testing staff are welcome to attend. Contact hholliday@erskinecharters.org with questions.

Zoom link for your browser: https://erskinecharters.zoom.us/j/83170457464?pwd=QXBuYWI5VnRkMG5ITzZjMVYrS1Zkdz09

Announcement: Parent Survey Results from Spring 2022

Contact Person: Heather Holliday

Department(s): Accountability

Start Date: 11/01/2022

End Date: 12/01/2022

Details: Attached are files from the SCDE which contain information from the parent responses from the Spring 2022 Climate Survey These results are not part of your overall report card rating, but are included as information. You will also find one file available to all. That contains the Institute overall results for point of reference for you. Please contact hholliday@erskinecharters.org with questions.

Announcement: Precode Manual 2.1 updated

Contact Person: Heather Holliday

Department(s): Assessment, PowerSchool and IT

Start Date: 11/02/2022

End Date: 12/02/2022

Details: The SCDE has released an update of the testing precode manual. We will discuss changes at our November 15 in person meeting. Feel free to download and save or print as you feel would help you. Contact hholliday@erskinecharters.org with questions.

Announcement: Technology updates for WIDA ACCESS Spr 23 testing

Contact Person: Heather Holliday

Department(s): Assessment, PowerSchool and IT

Start Date: 11/02/2022

End Date: 12/02/2022

Details: Please see the attached memo regarding needed updates regarding technology for the Spring 2023 WIDA ACCESS testing and share with appropriate staff. Contact hholliday@erskinecharters.org with questions.

Announcement: New MLP School Coordinator Training

Contact Person: Sally Fickling

Department(s): Title III ESOL

Start Date: 11/07/2022

End Date: 12/08/2022

Details: NEW MLP School Coordinator Training will be held on December 8, 2022. Further information will be sent to school MLP Coordinators.

Announcement: SCAMLE Reimbursement Opportunity for Registration

Contact Person: Jeanie Glover

Department(s): Federal Programs Finance

Start Date: 11/14/2022

End Date: 11/30/2022

Details: The Department of Federal Programs is pleased to be able to assist schools with the reimbursement of costs for REGISTRATION ONLY for administrators or teachers to participate in the annual SCAMLE Conference. This conference is scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2023, through Sunday, March 5, 2023. Registration will be the responsibility of the school but will be reimbursed with appropriate documentation following the conference (by March 31). All other costs associated with the conference (travel, hotel, per diem) will be the responsibility of the school. Please complete the following link to indicate your interest by November 30th: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Oi--WTiV8HCQ2VsoWGAoBNEKPS9D_kJy_lJuhGisGcw/edit.

Announcement: WIDA ACCESS STC Test training

Contact Person: Heather Holliday

Department(s): Assessment, PowerSchool and IT

Start Date: 11/15/2022

End Date: 01/12/2023

Details: All STCs and Title III Coordinators should attend this meeting for training for the upcoming WIDA ACCESS testing. We will cover how to double check coding for who should test, scheduling of tests, required tests, accommodations, and the DRC platform. Please contact hholliday@erskinecharters.org with questions. The training will be via Zoom from 10-12.

Zoom link for browser: https://erskinecharters.zoom.us/j/82919691445?pwd=alR6TGdHMUovWFZXRTBzQmdBTzlTUT09

Announcement: Qualifications for Special Education Teachers Pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) - Memo

Contact Person: Sarah Love

Department(s): Special Education and 504

Start Date: 11/15/2022

End Date: 12/15/2022

Details: On October 4, 2022, the United States Department of Education (USED) issued a memorandum to state directors of special education regarding personnel qualifications under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Specifically, the memorandum addresses IDEA Part B requirements to ensure that special education teachers and related service providers are "appropriately and adequately prepared and trained" to meet the needs of the students they serve. The USED Office of Special Education Programs recognizes the challenges that states have faced related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing shortage of special education teachers and related service providers nationwide. Read the full text here: https://ed.sc.gov/newsroom/school-district-memoranda-archive/qualifications-for-special-education-teachers-pursuant-to-the-individuals-with-disabilities-education-act-idea/qualifications-for-special-education-teachers-pursuant-to-the-individuals-with-disabilities-education/

Announcement: DreamBox Webinar

Contact Person: Kristin Olcott

Department(s): State and Academic Programs

Start Date: 11/17/2022

End Date: 12/30/2022

Details: A district-wide virtual Dreambox Training will be offered on November 30, 2022 from 3:30pm-4:30pm. Day-to-Day with DreamBox: Monitoring Essential Student Data- Gather insight into student progress by analyzing lesson data within DreamBox Lesson Highlights, Lesson Recommendations, and the Activity Feed Report. Educators will also gain strategies to support students who 'May Need Attention' with DreamBox. Please join if you use DreamBox at your school and would like to learn more about its features. Here is the link to join the webinar: https://dreambox.zoom.us/j/97087329636

Announcement: Math Nation Training

Contact Person: Kristin Olcott

Department(s): State and Academic Programs

Start Date: 11/17/2022

End Date: 12/07/2022

Details: If your school uses Math Nation, a free online math resource for middle and high schools, or if you are interested in getting started with Math Nation implementation, please plan to send some of your teachers to a free in-person training on December 7, 2022 at The Charter Institute at Erskine, 1201 Main Street, Suite 300, Columbia, SC 29201. The training will be from 9:30am-12:30pm and will focus on how to use the program and its features. Lunch will be provided as a grab and go option or participants may stay and eat. Please complete the Formstack to register for the training by Friday, December 2, 2022: https://erskinecharters.formstack.com/forms/mathnationtraining. Contact kolcott@erskinecharters.org with any questions.

Announcement: Operational Buses on GovDeals

Contact Person: John Li

Department(s): Finance

Start Date: 11/17/2022

End Date: 01/01/2023

Details: The SC State Surplus Property Office has posted a few SCDE buses for sale. The buses are operational and currently located in Abbeville, SC. If interested, details can be found at www.Govdeals.com using the "Advanced Search" option. Choose Category: "Buses, Transit and School" and then select State: South Carolina to search all buses located in SC listed for sale. Not all of the listings shown on the 'search results' page belong to SCDE, but this seems to be the best way to view buses that are currently listed. Of course, the auctions close at various dates/times.

There is a contact name on each listing if you have questions or want to view the bus in person. State Surplus will continue to post buses for sale at different dates and locations across SC, so check back on this website, if you are interested.

Announcement: PEBA Meru Health Opportunities

Contact Person: Robbie Anderson

Department(s): Human Resources and Benefits

Start Date: 11/17/2022

End Date: 12/09/2022

Details: PEBA is offering a program to help your employees manage their mental health. Meru Health is an online health care provider that offers State Health Plan primary members an evidence-based that is clinically proven to reduce anxiety, stress, depression, and burnout. The program is available at no cost to members.

Meru Health's 12-week treatment program combines daily therapist and psychiatrist support, a biofeedback training device, anonymous peer support, meditation practices, and habit-changing activities for sleep, nutrition and more. The program is divided into weekly themes focusing on tackling mental health challenges with multiple approaches and building habits to prevent relapses.

PEBA is partnering with a Meru Health therapist to offer two webinars for employers in the coming weeks. These webinars will give employers an opportunity to learn more about Meru Health and how they can promote the program to their employees. Employers will also have an opportunity to ask questions.

The sessions will take place on Wednesday, November 30th, at 2:00 pm, and Friday, December 9th, at 10:00 a.m.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me, and I will provide the link. Please contact me at randerson@erskinecharters.org if you have any questions.

Announcement: Spring Climate Survey Information for Spring 2023

Contact Person: Heather Holliday

Department(s): Accountability

Start Date: 11/21/2022

End Date: 12/21/2022

Details: Please see the attached memo from the SCDE regarding the proposed window to conduct Spring Climate Surveys for Spring 2023 to be reported on Fall 2023 State Report Cards. Contact hholliday@erskinecharters.org with questions.

Announcement: Career Readiness Testing Memo from SCDE

Contact Person: Heather Holliday

Department(s): Assessment, PowerSchool and IT

Start Date: 11/21/2022

End Date: 12/21/2022

Details: The SCDE has announced that WIN's Ready to Work will be the Career Readiness test. Please see the attached memo from the SCDE for further information. A couple of key dates include the testing window from March 27-April 14 and the Precode data due date of December 22. If you plan to give this test by paper, please go ahead and complete that part of precode for all 9GR21 students. If you have 12th graders to take the test, precode their box as well. Please contact hholliday@erskinecharters.org with questions.

Announcement: CTE Meeting 3 for 22-23

Contact Person: Heather Holliday

Department(s): CTE

Start Date: 11/28/2022

End Date: 01/09/2023

Details: Mandatory training for all Career and Technical Education school leads via zoom January 9 from 2-4. Contact Heather Holliday or Christy Junkins with questions. Zoom link for browser: hhttps://erskinecharters.zoom.us/j/82712045978?pwd=RnJ2azM1KzAwL1ZHZzN0ZVBjKzdFQT09.

Announcement: New SPED Coordinators' Roundtable-December

Contact Person: Sarah Love

Department(s): Special Education and 504

Start Date: 12/01/2022

End Date: 12/15/2022

Details: The December NEW SPED Coordinator Roundtable will be held on December 15, 2022. More information will be sent to the SPED Coordinators prior to the meeting.

Announcement: ACT training for High School STCs

Contact Person: Heather Holliday

Department(s): Assessment

Start Date: 12/01/2022

End Date: 01/17/2023

Details: This training is for all high schools offering ACT this spring season. The meeting is via Zoom from 1-3. Please contact hholliday@erskinecharters.org with questions. Zoom link for browser: https://erskinecharters.zoom.us/j/81202594824?pwd=SDZSZzVQNjd6eWl6eHR5UXVaSk9Rdz09