What's New?

June 1, 2015

With school coming to an end, many districts are now gearing up for the 2015-2016 school year. There is some important information available below and on the website for the upcoming school year.

Student October Count Audit Resource Guide for 2015

Available on the Web!

The Student October Count Audit Resource Guide for 2015 is available and posted on the FAST web page. It is every district's responsibility to review and understand this document. The guide contains new information, clarifications, audit expectations, and examples to help guide district's through the next October Count submission. You can find the resource guide here.

FAST October Count Webinars

Scheduled for June 17 and Sept. 16

FAST will be conducting two October Count Webinars for the 2015-2016 school year. The webinars will focus primarily on new information contained in the resource guide. Districts should review the resource guide prior to attending the webinars. The webinar on June 17 will be from 2:30-3:30 pm. The link is http://connect.enetcolorado.org/gfm3/. Audio can be heard by dialing into 866-386-5651.

FAST "October Count 101" In-Person Regional Trainings

Scheduled for Late Aug. and Early Sept.

FAST will be providing five half-day trainings across the state of Colorado in late Aug. and early Sept. This class will cover the basics of October Count and is designed for new or inexperienced district personnel. More details included in the "October Count 101" Trainings Flyer at www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/auditunit_pupilcount.

Online Authorizer Assurance Form

Mandatory Assurance Form

Beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, and thereafter, Authorizers must adopt policies tracking student enrollment, attendance, and participation. Authorizers may document students' attendance and participation in education activities

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in a manner the authorizer deems appropriate to support student learning. For examples, see the Student October Count Audit Resource Guide for 2015. All authorizers must provide an assurance to CDE of the authorizer's verification of the student's attendance and participation in the online program of school for the 2015/2016 school year, regardless of if the authorizer filled out an assurance for 2014/2015. The assurances need to be provided to the Office of Blended and Online Learning no later than Sept. 10, 2015. Annual submission is not required, however, resubmission is required if and when the authorizer wishes to change their count policy. The approval form can be located here.

Free Lunch Deadlines

Clarification on Deadlines for Free Lunch Documentation

Documentation supporting free lunch eligibility must be dated as of Oct. 1.

Where can I learn more?

- http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/auditunitBulleted list of additional resources
- Email audit@cde.state.co.us