

BUREAU OF EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

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Weekly Memo

Action Items

Position Available at the Florida Center for Interactive Media (FCIM)

FCIM is seeking applicants through Florida State University Careers for a training specialist – deaf/hard of hearing. The application deadline is **March 10, 2023**. To view the job description and apply, go to the <u>FSU Careers web page</u> or, if you are an FSU employee, go to the <u>FSU sign-in</u> web page. To apply, click the Apply for Job button to begin your application. Sign in to access your account or click Register Now to create an account. For questions, contact Employment and Recruitment Services at jobs@fsu.edu or 850-644-6034.

Required Data Collection for Fine Arts Report – Section 1003.4995, Florida Statutes

The Florida Department of Education has issued a memorandum regarding the required data collection for the Fine Arts Report. The 2022-2023 Fine Arts Report must be submitted by April 28, 2023, per the instructions in the memo.

Save the Date—Other Health Impairment (OHI) and Hospital Homebound (HH) Contacts' Meeting in Conjunction with the 2023 Florida Schools Health Association (FSHA) Conference and Training

The OHI/HH 2023 Contacts' Meeting is being hosted by FSHA at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando with specific meeting times the afternoon of **May 10, 2023**, and a breakout session on **May 11, 2023**. Lead staff will be sharing updates on policies, procedures and best practices for our public schools. The FSHA Conference and Training, **May 10-12, 2023**, features an extensive panel of facilitators and keynote speakers along with other sessions focused on impairment and substance exposure, American School Health Association updates, and supporting emotional well-being and resilience. Information regarding hotel registration and conference registration specific to the contacts' meeting will be forthcoming.

Informational Items

Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Tuition Support Program

Does your school district have paraprofessionals who could grow into great special education teachers? The state-funded ESE Tuition Support Program is available to help provide financial

assistance to paraprofessionals currently working with students receiving exceptional education in Florida's public schools. Paraprofessionals who already have an Associate of Arts degree or equivalent college coursework, or those who currently hold a bachelor's degree in a non-education field, may be eligible to receive tuition support to earn a degree in an initial certification teacher preparation program for ESE, deaf or hard of hearing, or visual impairment. For program requirements, information, and colleges or universities in Florida with eligible special education programs, go to the Para to Teacher Tuition Support for Exceptional Student Educators website. For questions, contact Dr. Keri Fogle at paratoteach@uwf.edu.

Learning Ally—Women's History Month

Learning Ally invites you to celebrate Women's History Month. Learning Ally has chosen specific titles from Florida's Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (known as B.E.S.T.) reading list to enrich student learning and celebrate strong females. The following table contains the chosen titles and links, which will take you directly to that book in the Learning Ally portal:

B.E.S.T. Book Titles with Links	Author	Grade
<u>I am Malala</u>	Yousafzai, Malala	5
<u>Rosa Parks</u>	Greenfield, Eloise	3
Hidden Figures, Young Readers Edition	Shetterly, Margot	5
Susan B. Anthony: Fighter for Freedom and Equality	Slade, Suzanne	2
Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad	Petry, Ann	6
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	Frank, Anne	8
Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl	Jacobs, Harriet	6
The poetry of Edna St. Vincent Millay	Millay, Edna St. Vincent	12
The poetry of Emily Dickinson	Dickinson, Emily	12

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