K12 PROGRAMS: UPDATE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

News: Disabilities Grant Program
One legislative change to the Children with Disabilities Grant Program is a provision to allow SEAA to disburse funds for tuition directly to the school. Schools must be registered with SEAA in order for tuition to be paid directly. Schools already registered with SEAA as Opportunity Scholarship Schools will not need to register again; they can also participate in the Disabilities Grant Program if they choose. Processes for disbursement of funds will be similar to Opportunity Scholarship processes.

A webinar to explain the Disabilities Grant and the legislative changes related to it has been scheduled for October 21. Details are below.

News: Continued student awards for the Opportunity Scholarship Program
More Opportunity Scholarship award offers have been extended to families this week. The deadline for these most recently awarded students to accept the Scholarship offer is October 21, 2015. The deadline for families is in the award letter. In addition we are sending reminders after one week to those who have not responded. These Frequently Asked Questions will help answer many questions about the timing of recent award offers, and also includes questions related to the limits placed on Opportunity Scholarship students entering Kindergarten or 1st grade. A small number of additional awards will be offered next week to finish the award process resulting from the additional legislative funding.

Timeline for Endorsement Forms and Disbursement of funds:

1. Endorsement Forms uploaded to SEAA by Friday afternoon (10/9/15) → Schools will receive payment for those students during the week of November 2.
2. Endorsement Forms uploaded to SEAA by Friday afternoon (10/16/15) → Schools will receive payment for those students during the week of November 9.
3. Endorsement Forms uploaded to SEAA by Friday afternoon (10/23/15) → Schools will receive payment for those students during the week of November 16.

Webinar: Wednesday, October 21 at 10:00 and at 2:00
Schools interested in participating in the Disabilities Grant Program or schools who need a review of SEAA processes will want to attend. This is an optional training which will last approximately 30 minutes. There will be time for questions. Full details will soon be available online and will also be repeated in next week’s Update.

Topics:
1) Children with Disabilities Grant legislative changes
2) Review of processes for Nonpublic Schools
   Opportunity Scholarship
   Disabilities Grant

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