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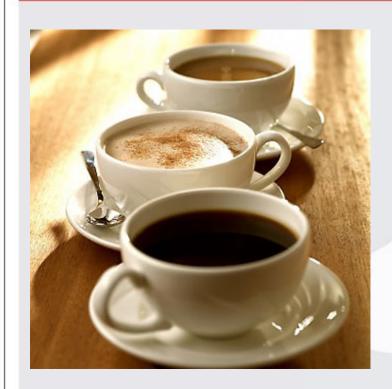
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Knowledge Café for

February 2021

Sarah Morrison and Kathy Beardsley
State Aid Planning



February Agenda

- February SBO Calendar
- Pension Plans What Does a SBO Need to Know?
- Required Reporting of Retiree Earnings
- What is STAC and How Do I Access It?
- Questions and Answers



February SBO Calendar

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	Task	Month	Due Date	Filing Requirement	Notes	Priority
	Payment due (if early payment lone in December)	February	2/1/2021	Annually		Required
	urveys 2/3 in the NYSED Portal of Audit Services - Big 5 Districts	February	2/1/2021	Annually	Upload: Financial Statement Board Approval, Management Letter(s), Extra Classroom Audit and/or Corrective Action Plans. Corrective Action Plans (CAP) refers to CAPs for the Financial Statement, Extra Classroom and Management Letter findings (NOT for Single Audit CAP).	Required
	f EPE (Employment Preparation contact hours (for 2020-21 aid year).	February	2/1/2021	Annually	Up to 25% of the total appropriation will be paid after April 1 based on these claims. If claims statewide exceed 25%, aid will be prorated. This form is used to determine the EPE hours through December 31, 2020 that will be claimed for EPE aid and to project total EPE hours through June 30, 2021.	Required
	nsportation, use of facilities, health arentally placed non-public etc.)	February	2/28/2021	Monthly		Recommended Best Practice
-	tus Reports to Board of Education venue and appropriation status	February	2/28/2021	Monthly	Commissioner's Regulations 170.2(p) requires the treasurer to render a budget status report for the BoE and for the use of those staff members assigned responsibility for administration of specific portions of the budget, on at least a quarterly basis (monthly in the event that budget transfers have been made since the last report). The report should include: estimated revenues, revenues received to date, and estimated revenues yet to be received; original appropriations, adjustments and transfers, revised appropriations, expenditures, encumbrances, and unencumbered balances pursuant to CR 170.2(p). Other information may be included as necessary.	Required

February SBO Calendar

5 Filing Task Month Due Date Requirement Notes **Priority** Recommended Cash Flow - modify and update February 2/28/2021 Monthly Best Practice Cash Flow and Fund Balance - review for Recommended February 2/28/2021 Monthly Best Practice accuracy Federal and State Cafeteria Reimbursement Recommended February 2/28/2021 Monthly Form Best Practice File DCERT for any new or continuing 10-month February 2/28/2021 Monthly Required private special education placements Monthly Profit/Loss Statements for School Recommended 2/28/2021 Monthly Perform analysis on prior month's activities February Food Service Best Practice ERS: Due the 7th day of the month following the report period. Payroll Reports - ERS and TRS Payments & Recommended TRS: Due within 10 business days after the end of the previous February 2/28/2021 Monthly Best Practice Reports month. Prepare Final Cost Reports for capital construction projects as soon as certified as Recommended February 2/28/2021 Monthly substantially complete and all outstanding bills Best Practice are paid Review BOCES invoices for appropriate Recommended February 2/28/2021 Monthly services and charges Best Practice Recommended Review outstanding checks 2/28/2021 Monthly February Best Practice This is the form that must be submitted to request additional State State and Federal Projects - review for and Federal grant funds. Districts may only request funds to cover Recommended expenses already incurred and 30 days of anticipated expenses. expenditures and revenues. Submit FS-25's February 2/28/2021 Monthly Best Practice Payments totaling up to 90% of a grant's budget total may be request for funds to Grants Finance requested Districts are no longer required to submit paperwork to the State Submit application for approval of bus/vehicle Aid office to support the information on every bus/vehicle purchase. purchase via SAMS immediately following the Recommended 2/28/2021 However, districts must keep substantiating documentation February Monthly delivery of any bus/vehicle purchased to Best Practice available on file for Records Retention and Disposition Schedule transport students. (Form BP) ED-1

February SBO Calendar

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Task	Month	Due Date	Filing Requirement	Notes	Priority
Treasurer's Report	February		Monthly	Report on prior month's activities	Recommended Best Practice
Budget Development - Continue	February	2/28/2021	Annually		Recommended Best Practice
Check status of Capital Project Final Cost Reports	February	2/28/2021	Annually		Recommended Best Practice
Check status of current capital projects, prior and prospective projects	February	2/28/2021	Annually	These reports are available by accessing the NYSED District Home Page under section entitled "IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BUILDING AID"	Recommended Best Practice
Prepare and Submit Property Tax Cap Calculation form on OSC portal	February	2/28/2021	Annually	Due March 1st. Data must be submitted via OSC's online portal	Recommended Best Practice
Prepare claims using SEDCAR-1 Form to receive sub-allocation of IDEA Section 611 and 619 pass-through funds for nonresident students with disabilities (SWD) the school district serves and forward to district of residence.	February	2/28/2021	Annually		Recommended Best Practice
Prepare for Budget Presentation	February	2/28/2021	Annually		Recommended Best Practice
Report, on OSC web-based system, all post retirement compensation paid to retirees of NYS public retirement systems for the prior calendar year. Includes retirees paid as employees, independent contractors or consultants.	February	2/28/2021	Annually	Report may be submitted annually from January through March	Recommended Best Practice

Pension Systems - TRS

https://www.nystrs.org/Employers/Employer-Contribution-Rate

- TRS Teachers Retirement System
 - Instructional staff
 - Six Tiers one contribution rate
 - Annual payment made by SED in three partial payments in Fall following year-end by intercepting State Aid payments in Sept/Oct/Nov

The current rates are as follows:						
To be Collected	ECR	Applicable to				
Fall 2021	9.53%	2020-21 School Year Salaries				
Fall 2020	8.86%	2019-20 School Year Salaries				

Pension Systems - ERS

- ERS Employees Retirement System
 - Non-instructional staff
 - Six Tiers different contribution rates
 - Different plan options
 - Significant difference in rates between Tiers
 - Annual payment made in December 2020 or February 2021 for April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021
 - Website has been updated:

Sample ERS Invoice



Office of the State Comptroller
New York State & Local Retirement System

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli



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ERS - 2021 Annual Invoice

Payment of this Invoice must be received by the Retirement System on or before February 01, 2021. If paying the prepay amount, payment must be received on or before December 15, 2020. Unpaid balances accrue interest at the rate of 6.80%. If you have questions, please contact the Employer Information line at 1-866-805-0990 or 518-474-7736. Select #1 from the menu, enter your location code at the prompt and choose the Employer Billing option.

Payment Due February 01, 2021

\$411,866

Prepayment Due December 15, 2020

\$408,493

Contribution I	Details							
Tier	Plan ID	Options	Salary	Rate	Regular Pe	ension Contribution**	GTLI	
3	A14	41J165 SCHSV	\$139,324	16.20%		\$21,874	\$897	
4	A15	41J165 SCHSV	\$1,910,997	16.20%		\$300,027	\$9,555	
5	A15	41J165 SCHSV	\$109,873	13.50%		\$14,283	\$549	
6	A15	41J100 SCHSV	\$577,030	9.70%		\$53,087	\$2,885	
6	A15	41J165 SCHSV	\$91,843	9.70%		\$8,450	\$459	
	Subtotal:		\$2,829,068			\$397,720	\$14,145	

"Regular Pension Bill without GTLI - Uses March 31, 2020 Salaries with Final Rates

Total Amount Due:

2021 Regular Pension Contribution, Including GTLI

\$411,866

Invoice Details

Due February 01, 2021 Payments divide by factor Pre Pay December 15, 2020 Payments

ERS Rates

Employees' Retiren at Syst of Comparison of Expected Long-Term Rates with F al Year 1 2021 2022 Final Rates (all rates are express as a %)

		2/1/2022 Rates	2/1/2021 <u>Rates</u>	Expected Long-Term Rates	2/1/2022 Rates	2/1/2021 <u>Rates</u>	Expected Long-Term Rates
Retirement Plan	Plan ID		Tier 1			Tier 2	
Basic Contributory	71-a	12.2	10.6	8.9	11.3	9.8	8.3
Non-Contributory/Guaranteed	75-c/75-e	22.5	19.4	16.2	20.3	17.5	14.6
Career	75-g	24.0	20.6	17.3	21.9	18.7	15.7
New Career	75-i/75-h	25.0	21.4	18.0	22.8	19.5	16.4
Sheriff & Deputy 25 Year	89-a	28.2	24.3	20.1	26.6	22.8	19.0
Sheriff & Deputy 20 Year	89-b	32.4	27.6	23.1	25.4	22.5	18.2
with Additional 1/60ths	89-b(m)	32.6	27.8	23.3	27.1	23.8	19.3
Detective Investigator 20 Year	89-d	31.9	27.0	22.7	31.7	26.8	22.6
with Additional 1/60ths	89-d(m)	32.0	27.1	22.8	31.8	26.9	22.7
County Law Enforcement	89-e-ts, 89-vr	29.3	24.8	20.9	29.2	24.5	20.8
14B 25 Year Plan	551	26.6	22.8	19.0	26.4	22.5	18.8
25 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths	551e	27.8	24.1	19.8	27.7	23.9	19.8
25 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths All Service	551ee	28.9	25.0	20.6	28.8	24.8	20.5
20 Year Plan	552	32.6	28.1	23.2	32.5	27.9	23.1
20 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths	553	32.6	28.1	23.2	32.5	27.9	23.1
20 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths All Service	553b	33.8	29.2	24.1	33.7	29.0	24.0
25 Yr Add'l 1/60ths Nassau County Ambulance	89-sa,89-sp,89-w,89-v	29.7	25.1	21.2	29.8	25.0	21.2
Med Techs, Peace Officers & Fire Marshalls, and Town Of Tonawanda Paramedics							
Options (rates are in addition to plan rates)							
5% Increased Take Home Pay	71-a(5)	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
8% Increased Take Home Pay	71-a(8)	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.9	4.9	4.9
School Service	CCSV/SCHSV	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sick Leave	41-j	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

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ERS Rates – A14 & A15/41-j and SCHSV

Employees' Retirement System

ted Long-Term Rates with Fiscal Year End 2021 and 2022 Final Rates (all rates are expressed as a %)

Expected

2/1/2022 2/1/2021 Long-Term

Expected

2/1/2022 2/1/2021 Long-Term

10tal = 16.2%		Rates	Rates	Rates	Rates	Rates	Rates
Retirement Plan	Plan ID		Tiers 3 & 4	1		Tier 5	
Article 14 & Article 15	A14 & A15	18.0	16.0	13.0	15.0	13.3	10.9
County Law Enforcement	89-e-ts,603n3,603n4	22.8	18.7	16.3	19.8	16.2	14.2
•	89-vr,89-sp,603r3,604s4						
25 Yr Nassau County Fire Marshalls	89-w	23.3	19.4	16.7	20.4	16.9	14.6
14B 25 Year Plan	551	24.3	20.6	17.3	21.4	18.2	15.3
25 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths	551e	25.5	22.0	18.2	23.0	19.8	16.4
25 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths All Service	551ee	26.5	22.8	18.9	23.9	20.5	17.1
20 Year Plan	552	30.1	25.5	21.4	27.4	23.1	19.6
20 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths	553	30.4	26.1	21.7	28.1	24.0	20.0
20 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths All Service	553b	31.6	27.1	22.5	29.1	24.9	20.8
25 Yr Add'l 1/60ths Nassau Cnty Amb Med Techs	89-sa	24.6	20.7	17.5	22.0	18.5	15.8
25 Yr Add'l 1/60ths Town of Tonawanda Paramedics	89-v	23.6	19.5	16.9	21.1	17.3	15.1
20 Yr Add'l 1/60ths Rockland &	603or, 604pr,	28.8	23.9	20.5	26.4	21.9	18.8
Suffolk County Investigators	603qs, 604rs						
20 Yr Westchester County Investigators	WCI03, WCI04	29.9	25.2	21.3	27.3	23.0	19.5
Options (rates are in addition to plan rates)							
School Service	CCSV/SCHSV	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sick Leave	41-j	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
County 75% POD without heart	607-c	1.6	1.9	1.1	1.6	1.9	1.1
County 75% POD with heart	607-c & 607-d	1.8	2.1	1.3	1.8	2.1	1.3
County 75% POD act of a civilian	607-c(f)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

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ERS Rates – A15/41-j (some 100 days) and SCHSV

Tier 6:
A15 = 9.50
School Service = .1
Sick Leave = .1
Total = 9.70%

Employees' Retirement System

son of Expected Long-Term Rates with Fiscal Year End 2021 and 2022 Final Rates
(all rates are expressed as a %)

Rates

Expected

Rates

2/1/2022 2/1/2021 Long-Term

Rates

Retirement Plan Tier 6 Plan ID Article 14 & Article 15 A14 & A15 9.5 10.5 7.7 County Law Enforcement 89-e-ts,603h3,603h4 14.4 11.6 10.4 89-vr,89-sp,603r3,604s4 25 Yr Nassau County Fire Marshalls 89-w 14.9 12.3 10.8 14B 25 Year Plan 551 15.9 13.4 11.4 25 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths 551e 17.5 15.0 12.6 25 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths All Service 551ee 18.2 15.6 13.1 20 Year Plan 552 21.8 18.2 15.6 20 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths 553 22.7 16.2 19.4 23.5 20 Year Plan Additional 1/60ths All Service 553b 20.1 16.8 25 Yr Add'l 1/60ths Nassau Cnty Amb Med Techs 89-sa 16.8 14.0 12.1 25 Yr Add'l 1/60ths Town of Tonawanda Paramedics 89-v 11.5 16.0 13.0 20 Yr Add'l 1/60ths Rockland & 603or, 604pr, 21.6 17.9 15.4 Suffolk County Investigators 603qs, 604rs 20 Yr Westchester County Investigators WCI03, WCI04 22.0 18.5 15.7 Options (rates are in addition to plan rates) CCSV/SCHSV 0.1 School Service 0.1 0.1 Sick Leave 41-i 0.2 0.1 0.1 100 day limit 0.1 0.1 0.1 County 75% POD without heart 607-c 1.8 1.0 1.5 1.7 2.0 County 75% POD with heart 607-c & 607-d 1.2 0.2 0.2 County 75% POD act of a civilian 0.2 607-c(f)

Average Annual Rate Notice

NYSLRS Announces Employer Contribution Rates for Retirement System for 2021-22

September 3, 2020

The New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS) today announced employer contribution rates for the State Fiscal Year 2021-22 will increase from 14.6 percent to 16.2 percent of payroll for the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and from 24.4 percent to 28.3 percent of payroll for the Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS).

NYSLRS is made up of these two systems, which pay service and disability retirement benefits to public employees and death benefits to their survivors.

"Employer contribution rates have gone down or remained relatively flat for several years, but demographic changes, such as longer lifespans, and market volatility are nudging up rates," New York the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create uncertainty in the financial m our state pension fund entered this uncertain time as one of the strongest fund to withstand tough challenges so that our public workforce can be co Keeping the plan well-funded has helped improve New York's credit rating with poorly-funded pensions."

"As Is average te that reasonable for your the district? states

Fund Balance Planning –





- At year-end TRS liability will be recorded for all covered salaries for 2020-21 x 9.53% (A632)
 - Do you have an encumbrance to hold the funds?
- At year-end ERS liability will be recorded for all covered salaries from April 2021-June 2021 x applicable contribution rates (A637)
 - Do you have an encumbrance to hold the funds?
 - Was the payment made recorded properly?
 - Spring 2020 liability against A637
 - 9 months of 20-21 against A9010.8

Post-Retirement Reporting-Overview

- Section 217 of the Retirement and Social Security Law requires districts to:
 - Provide notification when a New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS) retiree earns more than the Section 212 limit, which is currently \$35,000
 - Annually report all public retirees (including independent contractors/consultants) on payroll during the previous calendar year
 - Limit is based on total wages of all eligible employers
- Reporting done electronically through NYS ERS website
- Even if did not employ any public retirees during the previous calendar year, must still complete an annual report certifying that there are no public retirees to report

Reporting Earnings Over \$35,000

- Why?
- If collecting their pension, earnings above \$35,000 may affect pension benefit
 - For people lower than age 65
 - For retirees of:
 - New York State Employees' Retirement System
 - New York State Police and Fire Retirement System
 - New York State Teachers' Retirement System
 - New York City Employees' Retirement System
 - New York City Teachers' Retirement System
 - New York City Police Pension Fund
 - New York City Fire Department Pension Fund
 - New York City Board of Education

\$35,000 Limit

- Measured on a calendar year, not fiscal year
- All payments to retirees are counted
 - On payroll
 - Independent contractors/consultants (through A/P)
- Reporting due between January 1 March 31 of the following year
- Once an employee reaches \$35,000 that is supposed to be reported immediately
- Note: \$35,000 limit was raised from \$30,000 in 12/2019, periodically changed

Special Situation this Year

- Limit has been temporarily suspended.
- By the Governor by executive order during the emergency.
- Pay from a public employer earned from March 27, 2020 through January 1, 2021 will not count toward a retiree's annual earnings cap.
- Future Executive Orders may extend these dates.

Section 211 Waiver



- What if Superintendent and/or BOE wants to hire a retired administrator for more than \$35,000 without affecting the person's pension?
- Can ask for a Section 211 waiver before hiring the person.
- The retiree must wait one year after retiring before returning to work in the same or similar position under a Section 211 waiver.

Section 211 Waiver

- A waiver covers a fixed period of time, up to two years.
- If need longer, need to ask for new waiver.
- Approval is not automatic; it depends on the employer's needs and employee's qualifications.
- District required to make reasonable efforts to find qualified, non-retired workers to fill vacancies first, and to show why Section 211 waivers are absolutely needed to hire people who are already retired.
- If approval is granted, earnings could be unlimited, unless person returns to a former employer.
- A "former employer" is any public employer that paid the employee a salary or compensation at any time during the two years before they retired, provided their retirement benefit is based in part on that salary and/or service.



Digging into STAC

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What May a SBO Need to Know?

What is STAC?

System to Track and Account for Children (STAC)

- The STAC and Medicaid Unit is the unit within the NYS Education Department responsible for processing requests for Commissioner's approval for reimbursement.
- This includes reimbursement approval for the costs of providing services to preschool and school-age students placed in special education programs at:
 - Public Placements (BOCES, District-Operated or Other Public)
 - SED-Approved Private Schools
 - Special Act School Districts
 - State-Supported
 - State-Operated Schools for the deaf and blind.

What is STAC?

- It also includes reimbursement approvals for students who have been determined to be homeless or runaway youth and for education services provided to incarcerated youth.
- The STAC Unit collects data needed for processing reimbursements on over 270,000 placements each year.
 - Who is arranging placement of the child
 - What provider will deliver the services
 - Which district has financial responsibility
 - Prior approvals and private placement certifications
 - Verification that services were delivered
 - State Aid Reimbursements based on STAC verifications

Source: STAC & Medicaid Unit: http://www.oms.nysed.gov/stac/

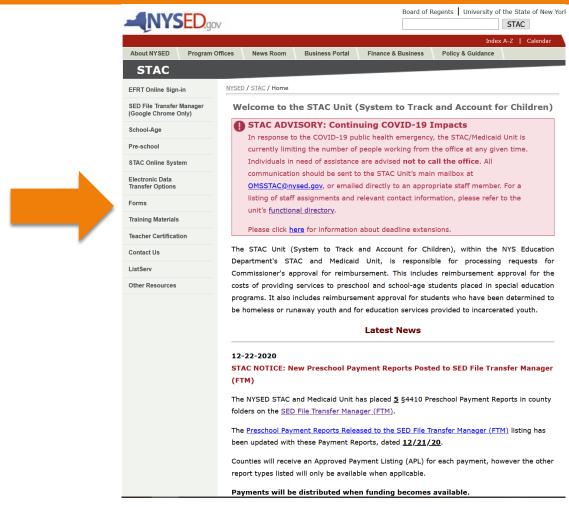
STAC Access

http://www.oms.nysed.gov/stac/

Why Does the SBO Need Access?

- To review and ultimately receive aid reimbursement for students with disabilities.
- The district adds a "STAC" to the online system which means a record of the student is added along with the dates of enrollment and cost of service.
- □ No STAC = No Aid!

How to Locate the Access Form



http://www.oms.nysed.gov/stac/contact_us/form_requests.html

STAC-602E Request Form for Online Access to the STAC Database (Employees)

Rev. 5/2018

This form is used by representatives of School Districts, SED-approved Education Providers (including BOCES), and Municipalities who wish to access data directly from the STAC database. This application is required to obtain a valid User Code and password or change access rights for existing users. By signing this application, Superintendents (for school districts and BOCES), Program Directors (for SED-approved special education providers), and Section 4410 Municipality Representatives (for municipality access) are assuring the STAC and Medicaid Unit that individuals listed are authorized to view data on the STAC database. Districts are responsible for making sure that only authorized individuals are granted access to the STAC Online System.

Agency Type: School District Private Provider Municipality I.Y. Pro	AGENCY INFORMATION Contact Designated for STAC Unit Ogram Mailing Address	t	
BOCES Special Act District Name of Above: 12-digit SED (BEDS) Code: Name, Title and E-mail address are required for all requests. Check <i>one</i> Ap	City	Who needs a -Superinte -SBO -Treasu -PPS	ndent
		-Support	-Kil-1
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY: DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOCES) PROGRAM DIRECTOR (PRIVATE PROVIDER) MUNICIPALITY REPRESENTATIVE (COUNTY) Access to the STAC database will comply with the requirements of the fed (20USC § 1232-g) and 8 NYCRR §200.2 (b)(6). Signature Print Name	eral Family Educational Rights and Priva	acy Act	Return original form to: New York State Education Department STAC and Medicaid Unit 9 Washington Avenue, Room 514 EB Subany, NY 12234 Autention: Kelly Mason Adam Lenhardt
Email Address	Fax (Area Code)	(Number)	

All User Codes and passwords will be sent to the authorizing official indicated in the signature section of this application. Request forms signed by someone other than the appropriate individual will be rejected. Please notify the STAC Unit of any unauthorized sharing of Usercodes and passwords, so that the STAC Unit can discontinue access to any affected Usercodes and passwords.

http://www.oms.nysed.gov/stac/forms/stac access form.pdf

STAC Online Access

Do you know who has access in your district?

- Reminder: STAC users must be re-authorized each year by the Superintendent.
 - Have him/her review users annually, remove staff that no longer need access.
- Deadline is January 15th!

http://www.oms.nysed.gov/stac/forms/stac access form.pdf

Granted Access

- Once you send the signed paper access form to SED, they will mail a paper copy of the STAC User ID and Password to the Superintendent.
- At this point, you will now be able to login to the STAC Online System:

http://www.oms.nysed.gov/stac/



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System to Track and Account for Children (STAC) and Medicaid Unit Steven Wright, Director

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STAC Website: http://www.oms.nysed.gov/stac Medicaid Website: http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid

SUPERINTENDENT TO:

FROM: Steven Wright, Director, STAC/Medicaid Unit

DATE: November 2020

UBJECT: 2020-21 Reverification/Suspension of STAC Online Users

(via the XTEND Online Screen)

January 15th Deadline

This memo is to remind School District Superintendents of their responsibility to monitor and ensure that only appropriate users at the school district have access to confidential student information in the STAC online system. The "XTEND" online screen provides School District Superintendents with the ability to reverify or suspend district user rights for School District, Incarcerated Youth, and Consultant STAC Online Users. A list of all active STAC system online users for your school district will appear on the XTEND screen. This screen also contains all suspended users for your school district for the past two years. All users are set to expire on January 15, 2021. If no action is taken by the School District Superintendent prior to that date, the users will be locked out of the STAC online system and reimbursement to your school district could be impacted.

The XTEND screen cannot be utilized by District Superintendents to add new STAC online users. The paper process for new users to apply for a Usercode and password to the STAC online system remains the same. New users must complete and forward to the STAC/Medicaid Unit a signed "Request Form for Online Access to the STAC Database", available from the Forms page on the STAC Unit website. Please contact OMSSTAC@nysed.gov if you have any questions regarding this process.

A User's Guide to the XTEND online screen can be found on the STAC website at http://www.oms.nvsed.gov/stac/stac online system/online instructions/Guide XTEND.pdf

Each School District Superintendent has been assigned a unique, case-sensitive Usercode and password to be used exclusively to access the XTEND screen. Your confidential information to access the XTEND screen is listed below:

> Usercode: Password:

NOTE: The XTEND online screen is open year-round for School District Superintendents to suspend/reverify their users as necessary. Please keep your Usercode and password in a confidential folder for use throughout the year.

BE ADVISED: The email address we have on file for you is

If this is not correct,

please let us know.



SED File Transfer Manager

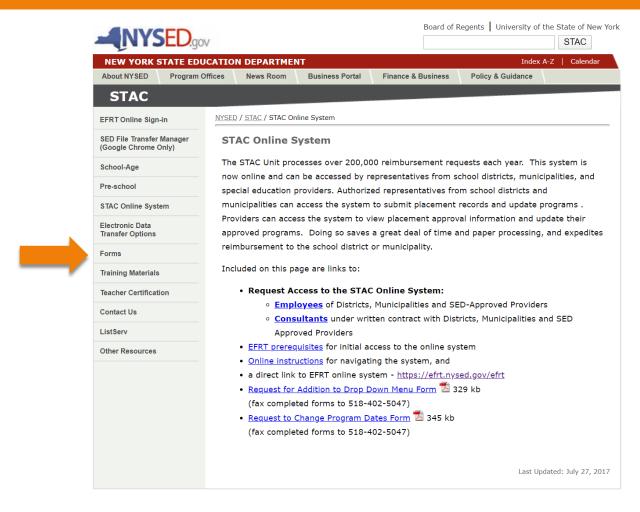


SED File Transfer Manager (FTM)

As an SBO do you wonder why you have not received any correspondence in the mail from SED?

It is because they have implemented a File Transfer Manager System (FTM) to upload files directly to your folder within the system. Also, you will have the ability to upload directly to SED.

How to Access Form



Print, Complete & Mail to SED

STAC-603

Tip: Review annually to ensure staff need access. Remove staff who leave district.

THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT						
Authorization I to the SED File Tra	Form for Access nsfer Map Use					
The SED File Transfer Manager (FTM) is a w files easier for both users and administrators. In order and counties must have at least one active user recounties must utilize the SED FTM in order to su NYSED STAC Unit.	r to rece gistered Chromo					
Agency Name:	Agency SED (BF Tool Agency Type:					
	County School District BOCES or RIC					
	= boscovino					
APPLICANT INFORMATION Applicant Name:	AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL INFORMATION Authorizing Official's Name: Type of Official:					
	Superintendent Municipality Representative Director					
Email Address:	Email Address:					
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Applicant's Signature Date Authorizing Official's Signature Date						
Once the STAC Unit has received the completed and signed form, an email invitation will be sent to the email address listed in the Applicant Information section above. The email invitation will contain a personalized link to register in the SED File Transfer Manager. A copy of the "SED File Transfer Manager (FTM) Web User Guide" is available on the STAC Unit website: http://www.oms.nysed.gov/stac/electronic data transfer options/online instructions/guide SEDFTM.pdf						
It is the Authorizing Official's responsibility to monitor and ensure that only appropriate users have access to confidential student information on the SED FTM. Please utilize this form to remove access as necessary.						
Access to files uploaded to the SED FTM will comply with the requirements of the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20USC§1232-g) and 8NYCRR §200.2(b)(6).						
Return to: New York State Education Department STAC and Medicaid Unit 89 Washington Avenue – RM 514 West EB Albany, NY 12234						

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Complete for multiple staff within your district:
-Superintendent
-Business
Administrator
-Secretary
-PPS Director
-PPS Secretary

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Attention: Andrew Kitzrow

SED File Transfer Manager (FTM)

- Web-based system that makes uploading and downloading files easier for both users and administrators.
- All school districts must have at least one active user registered with the SED FTM.
- Submit bulk special education reimbursement data to the NYSED STAC Unit.
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- □ Do you know who has access in your district?

Protecting STAC Data and Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

Exchanging student data with the STAC Unit & helpful tips:

- FTM is most secure method for transmitting documentation with PII
- Fax during business hours and advise recipient when will be sent
- Emails with PII other than STAC ID need to be encrypted with password sent separately
- Paper documents should be sent US Mail 1st class/priority, or other service with tracking (e.g., UPS, FedEx, DHL)
- Use the STAC Online (EFRT) System and FTP site log out when not active
- When calling STAC Unit be prepared with your STAC Online User Code and password to confirm authorization to share data



Login

Forgot Password?



This software does not work with Internet Explorer. Please use another browser or your account will be locked out.

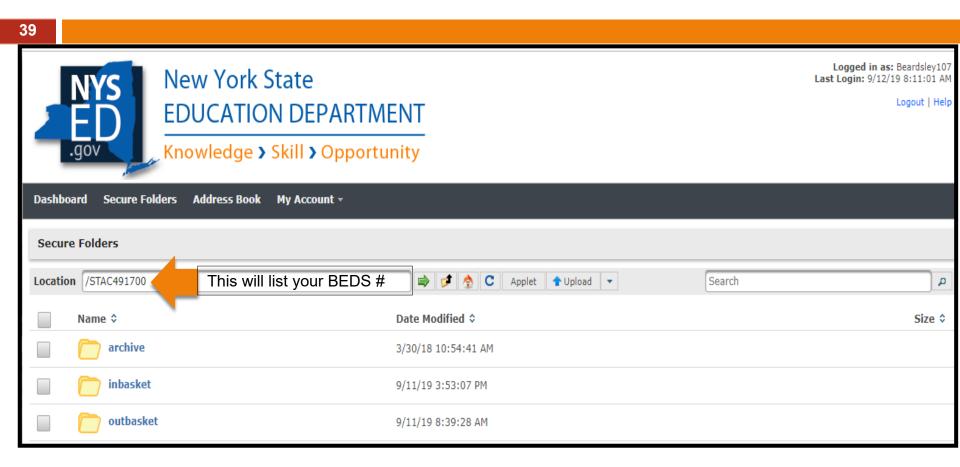
Accounts are created by invite only. Please do not try to create an account. You will need an invitation from a NYSED staff member.

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Accessing Three Folders



When you click on your shared folder, you will see three folders:

"archive": Old documents from prior FTP server.

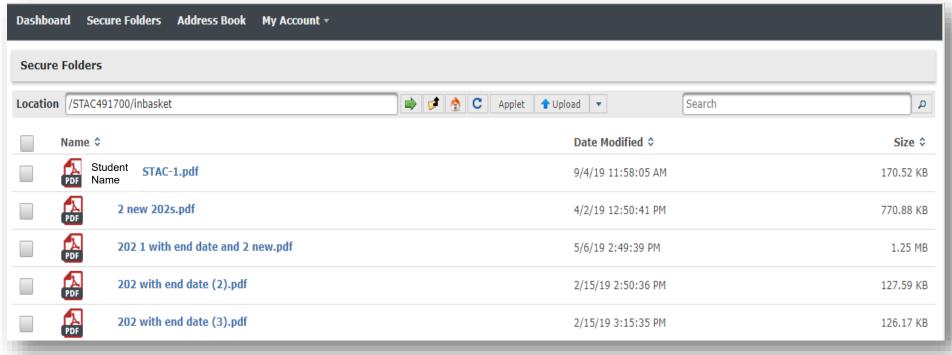
"inbasket": Uploaded by outsiders. Data coming in to the STAC Unit.

"outbasket": Uploaded by STAC Unit. Data sent out by the STAC Unit.

In-Basket Folder (To SED)

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"inbasket": Uploaded by district. Data coming into the STAC Unit



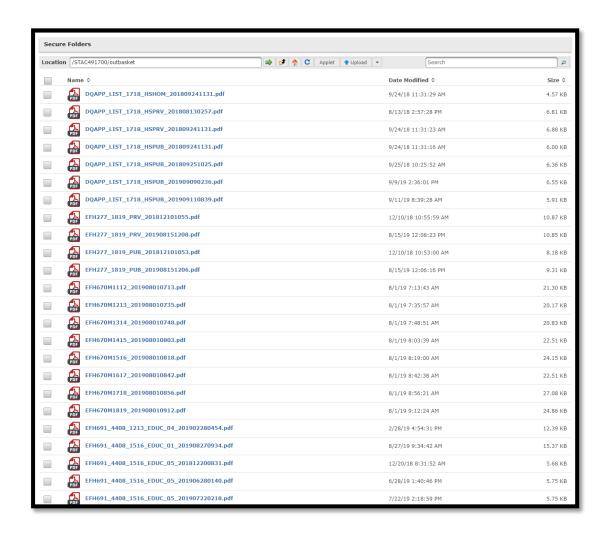
Items that you may need to upload to SED:

- -STAC 1 Approval
- -New STAC or FTM Access Form
- -1:1 Aide Form
- -Summer Transportation Form
- -DCPUB Back-up Information (IEP, Invoices etc.)

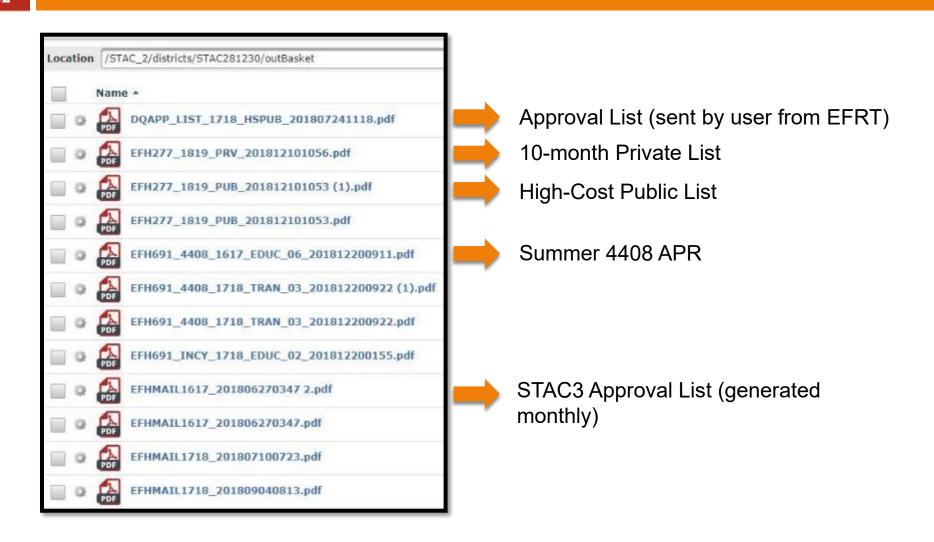
Out-Basket Folder (From SED)

This is the view when you pull up the Out-Basket

Reports cannot be deleted



A Closer Look at the Reports



What are the Reports

Agency Approval (DQAPP)

Provides a detail list of students STAC'd by School Year, Provider Type,
 Placement Type and whether they are verified or unverified

□ 10-month Private

 Provides a detail list of all the students STAC'd in a private placement for a particular school year

High-Cost

 Provides a detail list of all the students STAC'd in a public placement for a particular school year

Summer 4408 Approved Payment Report (APR)

Includes the student's STAC ID, the student's first and last name, the provider, the start and end dates, the service type (education, maintenance or transportation), the amount included on that specific APR and the total amount to date

STAC3 Approval

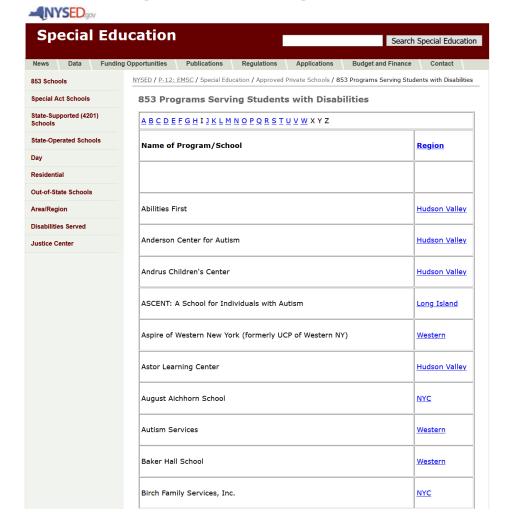
SED uploads a copy of the STAC approvals for the district to review

Private Placements

Why Does the SBO Need to Understand Process?

What To Know About Private Placements

853 Programs Serving Students with Disabilities



What does the SBO need to know?
-Is the CSE placement, SED approved?

These are the same 853 schools that the CARES Act grants needed to be shared with

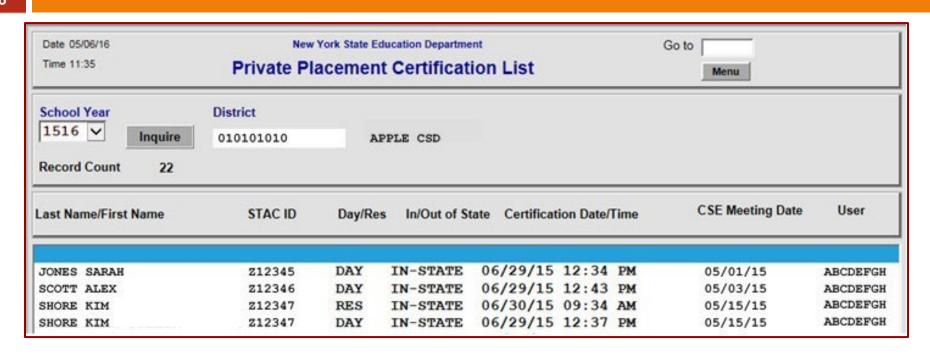
DCERT Screen – on February SBO Calendar

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DCERT Screen

The	CSE recommends place	ement of a stude	nt in a resid	lential program.					
	Documentation is on record that residential services are necessary to meet the student's educational needs as identified in the student's IEP.								
	Documentation is on record that includes a proposed plan and timetable for enabling the student to return to a less restrictive environment or a statement of reasons why such a plan is not currently appropriate.								
	For out-of-state placement recommendations, documentation is on record that demonstrates that there are no appropriate public or private facilities for instruction available within this State.								
Add	litional Certification (Fo	r all initial placen	nents in resid	dential care):					
	Documentation is on record that, upon determination that the student was first at risk of residential placement, the district sought parental consent (or consent of the student if age 18 or older) to invite county or State agency representatives to the CSE meeting to make recommendations concerning the appropriateness of residential placement and other programs and placement alternatives. For students in a foster care placement, the local social services district was notified when the student was determined to be at risk of residential placement.								
	Parental (or student) consent was obtained and other agency representative(s) were invited to the CSE meeting.								
	Invited county or State agency representative attended the CSE meeting.								
	Choose One	○Yes	○ No						
rece	eived by the Departmen	prior to request	ing reimburs	tate reimbursement, the certification must be ement. If the district fails to submit a onth private placements will not be processed.	Date Transferred Into District				

DQCER Screen



SBO Tips:

-Does the record count seem reasonable?
-Compare previous year to current year
-Review Day/Res Status
-Review monthly & use to communicate with PPS

https://www.questar.org/services/financial/stac/resources/

Helpful SED Links

- STAC Acronyms, Terms and Commonly
 Used Screens
- Online Instructional Guides for Navigating the System and EFRT Screens
- ListServ
- Approved Private, Special Act, State Operated and State-Supported Schools in NYS

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10 Days until the 2019-20 ESSA Report is Due!

Dec 21, 2020

This is the final countdown until ESSA is due. A few months ago, SED opened the IDEx portal for districts

to be able to complete their ESSA financial report of actual expenditures for the 2019-20 school year.



State Aid Claim Forms

Dec 21, 2020

If you receive a message from the State Aid Unit at SED about your 2020-21 Claim Forms, please keep in

mind that it could be a matter of great importance in allowing the State Aid Unit to "Clean" your claim forms.



Updated Tax Base Growth Factors

Dec 21, 2020

The NYS Department of Taxation and Finance has updated Tax Base Growth Factors for School Districts

SAP on Twitter



This is the final countdown with just ten more days until the 2019-20 ESSA report is due. Remember to utilize the template and other resources posted on our website to assist you in this process. Click here for details: questar org/2020

for 2021.

Additional Resources

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- **▼** 2019-20 Annual Tuition Summary Worksheet April 2020
- X 2020-21 Excess Cost Aid Calculator for SWD April 2020
- □ Calendar for Filing STACs September 2020
- □ DCERT Form



Summary

- ✓ There is a lot of State Aid available related to special education students.
- ✓ The most common mistake we see when a district is not maximizing their
 State Aid is related to special education programs.
 - √ Homeless
 - ✓ Summer
 - ✓ In-District programs
- ✓ The more the you know, the easier it will be to ensure that your district is maximizing it State Aid. It is a lot easier to claim aid than to lay people off!
- ✓ We can help you. Give us a call.



Questions?

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Upcoming dates:

2/23/21 – March SBO Calendar 3/25/21 – April SBO Calendar 4/21/21 – May SBO Calendar 5/26/21 – June SBO Calendar 6/23/21 – July SBO Calendar