

## Announcements

Let us welcome this brand-new year with renewed energy and hope to experience new things and to learn things we never knew before.



### New Paraeducator Webpage

Have you seen the new Paraeducators webpage on the Richland School District website? If not, go to the Human Resources webpage and look for the link in the upper right corner. On this page, you will find the requirements of the Fundamental Course of Study and the General Paraeducator certificate and training information. Within the next few weeks, you will also find information to completing courses on this website. If you have not already, check out this informative site.

### New FCS Classes

This year, the ESD will be offering FCS classes during parent teacher conferences. This will allow you to attend classes during your contracted day, without the need of a substitute. This means classes for paraeducators who work in elementary sites will be offered on August 31 and September 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes for paraeducators who work in secondary sites will be offered November 5<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Class	Elementary Paras ONLY	Secondary Paras ONLY
FCS 01	Aug. 31st from 8:00-12:00 Location: Zoom	
FCS 06	Sept. 1st from 9:00-12:00 Location: Zoom	
FCS 07	Sept. 1st from 8:45-11:45 Location: TLAC Board Room	
FCS 10	Sept. 1st from 12:15-3:15 Location: TLAC Board Room	
FCS 01		Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> 11:30-3:30 Location: Zoom through ESD
FCS 07		Nov. 5th 11:45-2:45 Location: Board Room at TLAC
FCS 10		Nov. 15th 4:00-8:00pm Location: Board Room at TLAC
FCS 06		Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup> 11:30-2:30 Location: Zoom through ESD

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** Registration information coming soon to ProDev. Please keep checking the site for more information about the classes listed above.

### New Format for Additional FCS Classes

In addition to the classes listed above, we will be transitioning FCS classes to an online platform. This will allow you on-demand access. The courses will be made up of various content items such as videos, PDF's and presentations that you can proceed through at your own speed. Instead of having to join a class at a specific time, you can go through the course content when it is convenient for you during your workday. Please watch the new paraeducator website for updates about the availability of the new classes.

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.”

– Chinese Proverb

### New Guidance from PESB

We recently heard from Jack Busbee, from PESB. “The pandemic has made a challenge of the training and we are providing as much flexibility as possible.”

Paraeducators who did not complete the required training in the 20/21 school year must complete those hours ***and*** the mandatory hours needed in the 21/22 school year to meet the FCS requirements. This is a one-year reprieve and will not be extended into the 22/23 school year. Paraeducators who do not complete this mandatory training by August 31, 2022 may be subject to layoff proceedings consistent with the collective bargaining agreement.



### New District Contact

We want to thank Jennifer Miller for all her help last year. She was instrumental in maintaining accurate course completion records. This year, we will transition this task to Mindy Thomas in Teaching and Learning. If you have any completion certificates for classes you completed this summer, please send them to Mindy at ([Melinda.thomas@rsd.edu](mailto:Melinda.thomas@rsd.edu)) or call her at 967-6004.