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PAUL CALVERT, ADMINISTRATOR

## Calendar of Events

***Please continue to watch for updates  
as COVID-19 guidelines change with  
the status of area cases & schools reopening.***

Sept. 3rd	Adviser Workday via Zoom 9am-12pm
Sept. 4th	PRT Meeting—ESU 15 (McCook) 12pm
Sept. 7th	Labor Day—ESU Offices Closed
Sept. 8th	Adviser Workday via Zoom 1pm-4pm
Sept. 9th	ESU 15 Board Meeting 7:30 pm—Trenton
Sept 17th/18th	POSTPONED -School Secretary Safety Training
Sept. 29th	POSTPONED -MTSS Refinement Day 9am-3pm
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>NDE—ILCD/TIP at ESU 15 Trenton 9am-3pm</b>



**\*School Secretary Safety Training\***  
**Sept 17th or 18th- POSTPONED**



# SUPERINTENDENT'S

Thank you for your continued leadership during the COVID-19 Crisis!

**Starting Tuesday, Sept. 1st**  
**Meetings every other Tuesday**  
**10 am via ZOOM**

**Contact Paul Calvert, ESU 15 Administrator with questions**



## Bus Driver Training

**In-Person Trainings Level I & II Available Online ONLY**

Please see the attached flyer regarding available COVID-19 webinars regarding pupil transportation

Please see the link below to register or for more details on Bus Driver Training.

[https://www.unk.edu/offices/safety\\_center/pupil-transportation.php](https://www.unk.edu/offices/safety_center/pupil-transportation.php)

For more detailed information or questions, please contact :  
 Nebraska Safety Center at (308) 865-8256 or bus@unk.edu



**Thank you teachers, staff, & students at all of the ESU 15 schools!**

**You are ROCKIN' '20/'21!**

**Hang in there!**

**- We will get through this together -**



### 2020 NATS/NATM Fall Conference

**October 1-3, 2020 –Registration opens Aug. 1st**

Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE Please join us for the joint Fall Conference for Nebraska teachers of Math (NATM) and Science (NATS).



Check out  
**attached flyer**  
 for venue changes



**When:** August-September, 2020

**Where:** Via Zoom webinars ~Registration required

<http://nemtss.unl.edu/nebraska-mtss-summit/>

## Professional Development

Does your school have areas that you need additional training or would like to improve? Do you have a new teacher that could use some coaching or extra support? Do any of the teachers seek expansion on information learned at one of the PLC meetings?



**Don't forget...during the COVID-19 ever-changing protocols—we are here to support staff so students have a positive learning experiences this fall as schools learn to adapt to the new normal!**

**Please reach out via email with your needs, questions & concerns!**

**We are here for you!**

~Contact the ESU 15 Professional Development Team~  
Kelly Erickson or Stephanie Malcolm  
to discuss a plan of action or to schedule a visit to your school.  
Kelly—kerickson@esu15.org or Stephanie—smalcolm@esu15.org

## Special Education News



**MTSS Refinement Day - Sept. 29th**  
**9am-3pm (Lunch included)**

Check out ASD Network events on the webpage at:

<http://www.unl.edu/asdnetwork>

Find more information on trainings at the Central Team website:

<http://www.esu10.org/programs-services/special-education-services/Autism>

## Central Region ASD Network

## ADVISER Workday

NEW - Staff Reporting 2020-2021 Workdays  
via Zoom - Sept. 3 & 8

For Public Districts, Nonpublic Systems, Special Purpose School, Interim Facilities (Rule 18), and Educational Service Units

New for 2020-2021, Staff Reporting assistance will be available through 2 virtual workdays September 3 and 8. There will be a brief presentation detailing the changes in Staff Reporting from the previous year and then representatives from several NDE teams (Helpdesk, Special Education, Accreditation, Finance and Federal Programs) will be available to answer any questions you may have while completing your 2020-2021 Staff Reporting collection.

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Thursday, Sept 3 9am-12pm

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The Zoom meeting link will be sent upon Registration, which can be done at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgOGex587jNo9c2Q87DQhN2j6q9Hx0yYGVVuUz45KP6vfWQ/viewform>

The Staff Reporting 2020-2021 collection is now open and state statute requires Public Districts and Nonpublic Systems to submit a Fall Personnel Report by September 15. Special Purpose Schools, Educational Service Units and Interim Programs (Rule 18) should also report during this time frame as well.

# Early Childhood Planning Region Team 15



Sept. 4th ~ 12pm

Nov. 13th ~ 12pm

~Meetings held at ESU 15-  
McCook

Region 15 is the McCook Planning Region.  
It serves the counties of Chase, Dundy,  
Frontier, Hayes, Hitchcock, and Red Willow



## Educational Service Unit 15

Administrator ~ Paul Calvert

### ~ESU 15 Board~

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## COVID-19

The National Association for Pupil Transportation is pleased to have provided our members and the industry with timely and useful information related to the ongoing national outbreak of the 'novel coronavirus', officially named COVID-19.

### LOCAL STATEMENTS

NAPT suggests that school transportation professionals work with their school leadership to issue a statement to parents about cleanliness on their school buses. With schools being closed throughout most of the nation, this becomes important given the use of school buses to transport and deliver food and meals to children in need.

And once this crisis abates and we are back to school, parents will want to know more about what you have done in the 'down-time' to ensure the cleanliness and readiness of the school buses on which their children will be riding.

Consider including information about steps you may be taking in this situation:

- how frequently your school buses are cleaned and disinfected (note that some parents will want to know if you are using green and safer products)

- whether you are going to continue to perform extra cleaning once the crisis abates
- what steps you are going to take to mitigate further problems including, for example, hand sanitizing stations on buses as well as protective equipment for drivers and attendants

### **GENERAL GUIDANCE**

We continue to call your attention to some basic guidance about precautions you and your team can take in relation to the COVID-19 virus. This particular list was taken from the website of the National Association of School Nurses but is also consistent with the CDC lists:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

NAPT urges your attention to new pronouncements coming from our federal government about wearing masks and/or gloves. Your teams should be protected accordingly.

### **LOCAL HEALTH CONTACTS**

The federal response is also relying heavily on state and local health departments for implementation and emergency actions (school closures, travel restrictions, etc). School transportation professionals would do well to make contact with local health officials and school health officials to ensure you are 'in the loop' on such efforts and that school transportation factors are being considered in such plans.

### **WEBINAR RECORDINGS** *(click on title to view archived recording)*

- [How to Protect Students and Drivers from Infectious Disease Outbreaks on Buses](#)
  - [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [The CARES Act: What's Inside?](#)
  - [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Dealing with COVID-19 Stressors in the Current Information Environment While Working and at Home](#) - sponsored by Worldwide Assurance for Employees of Public Agencies (WAEPA)
  - [COVID-19: Simple Answers to Top Questions](#) [handout](#)
- [Going Back to School Before the Kids: Part 1](#)
  - [Webinar Q&A](#)
- [Going Back to School Before the Kids: Part 2](#)
- [Going Back to School Before the Kids: A Return to School Roadmap Part I](#)
  - [Return to School Roadmap](#)
- [Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#)
- [Going Back to School Before the Kids: A Return to School Roadmap Part II](#)
  - [Session Q&A](#)
- [Transportation's Role in Recovery Planning for Students with Special Needs](#)
  - [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

- Considerations for Transportation Needs for Students with Disabilities during School Recovery Planning flowchart
- School Bus OEMs Preparing for Back-to-School - What You Need to Know
  - PowerPoint Presentation
- Keeping Your Fleet Healthy

## **RESOURCES**

- CDC Coronavirus-specific website  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- The Centers for Disease Control  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- US Department of Education  
<https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus?src=feature>
- US Department of Health & Human Services  
[www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)
- US Transportation Security Administration  
[www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov)
- National School Boards Association  
[www.nsba.org](http://www.nsba.org)
- National Association of School Nurses  
[www.nasn.org](http://www.nasn.org)
- Webinar sponsored by Worldwide Assurance for Employees of Public Agencies (WAEPA)  
[https://youtu.be/O0ipL1Du\\_RQ](https://youtu.be/O0ipL1Du_RQ)
- COVID-19 Projections provided by The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME)  
<https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america>
- FEMA: Addressing PPE Needs in Non-Healthcare Settings  
<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/04/22/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-addressing-ppe-needs-non-healthcare-setting>
- Websites for Your Own State's Education Department and Health Department
- Analysis: Temperature Checks, School Schedules, Masks - What Do States Want Districts to Do?

## **EXEMPLARY ACTIVITIES**

Throughout America, school buses are engaged in a variety of activities and services to assist and support local efforts during the COVID-19 crisis.

We could not begin to list or describe each and every example, but we are proud to share that school buses are integral partners in programs that:

- Provide meals to children who otherwise would have received meals in their schools
- Bring lesson plans and materials to children who are unable to use the internet
- Bring computer technology to children in need of such equipment to do their school work
- Station school buses in rural areas to serve as WiFi hotspots for children who cannot otherwise access the internet to do their school studies



All of us at NAPT hope you find this information useful and that you remain safe and healthy!

Please check our website and our various social media platforms for further information and resources.

### **COVID-19 Global Case Mapping Dashboard**

Provided by The Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University

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COVID-19

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## Professional Development

NEA believes that professional development should be required throughout the career of education support professionals. Professional development programs should provide equal opportunities for these educators to gain and improve the knowledge and skills important to their positions and job performance. They should assure that these educators have a decisive voice at every stage of planning, implementation, and evaluation. Student achievement depends on supporting and educating the whole student. To have high standards for students, there must be high standards for the staff members who work with them.

NEA offers a wide variety of professional development programs through our State Affiliates. Below is a list and description of current programs available to affiliates. Our two premier professional development opportunities are the NEA ESP National Conference and the NEA ESP Leadership Institute program. Additional programs may be available to ESP members through their State or Local Association.

For additional information on any of the professional development programs below please contact [Lisa Connor](#) in the NEA ESP Quality Department.

## Professional Development Webinar Trainings



NEA ESP Quality Department in the Center of Great Public Schools, in collaboration with various professionals in the education workforce, have created a wide variety of professional development webinars designed to support the professional growth of Education Support Professionals (ESP).

Enhance your professional skills today and [sign up here!](#)

View our archived training recordings [here](#).

## SCHOOL ME | PODCAST

### *ESP Podcast Spotlight*

New to education? This podcast brings you advice from educators who have been there, done that. Get classroom management tips, lesson plan ideas, and other life-hacks to help inspire your career. Below are a few ESP podcast highlights.

#### **March 13, 2020**

[Effective Communication Tips for ESPs](#)

ESP Guest: Kimberly Scott-Hayden | NJ

#### **January 22, 2020**

[Resources for Paraeducators and Fine-Tuning Your Skills](#)

ESP Guest: Tameka Mays | DE

#### **November 18, 2019**

[Standing with ESPs](#)

ESP Career Committee Members: Karl Goeke | John Scanlan

#### **October 15, 2019**

[Career Growth for ESPs](#)

ESP Guest: Nicki Belnap | OR

Visit [School Me | Podcast](#) to access additional new educator podcast sessions!


## Micro-Credentials

The micro-credential implementation support model brings educators together in collaborative groups, such as professional learning communities (PLCs), to focus on common learning goals. NEA's micro-credential offerings vary from Bully Free Schools, Supporting LGBTQ Students, to Classroom Management. Micro-credentials allow ESP the opportunity to move along the ESP Professional Growth Continuum through online professional development.

[Click here](#) to read more about how micro-credentials work.

[Click here](#) to get started!


## NEA ESP National Conference



# ORGANIZE, EDUCATE AND LEAD

## ESPs Meeting the Needs of the Whole Student

CONFERENCE 2015  
March 6-8  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside  
New Orleans, Louisiana



The [NEA ESP Conference](#) is the premier professional development conference for Education Support Professionals. The conference is designed to provide professional development opportunities for participants to help them gain the skills they need to build stronger locals: building strong internal and external relationships, organizing members, and enhancing NEA ESP members' ability to influence positively student achievement.



## NEA ESP Leadership Institute

The [NEA ESP Leadership Institute program](#) was created to train future ESP leaders in leadership attitudes, skills, and knowledge. The overarching goal is to develop skilled ESP leaders across the 50 states. Each year 40 ESP members are selected to participate in the program through an extremely competitive process. The NEA ESP Leadership Institute is based on a learning community concept influenced by systems thinking guru Peter Senge's work.

*"When all is said and done, the only change that will make a difference is the transformation of the human heart."*

## Beat Privatization: A Step-by-Step Crisis Action Plan

When a school district is already considering contracting out for services, it's too late to develop a pro-active anti-privatization campaign. The local must organize and act immediately! When it is necessary to react to a privatization crisis, *Beat Privatization* provides the tools necessary to organize the reaction into an Offensive Action Plan for the local and its members.



## ESP: Supporting Our Own Through Mentoring



NEA believes that mentoring programs help enhance the professional expertise of employees as well as assist in retaining quality employees. *ESP: Supporting Our Own Through Mentoring* is designed to assist members in their understanding of mentoring in general and outlines the necessary steps to implement a successful mentoring program. [Click here](#) to read more about NEA's ESP mentoring program.

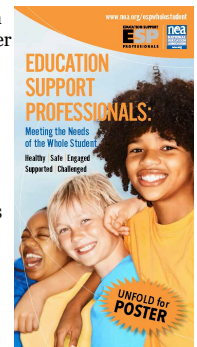
## Education Support Professionals: Meeting the Needs of the Whole Student

Do members of your community understand the essential role that Education Support Professionals (ESP) play in education and in student success? ESP keep students physically and emotionally healthy and safe, engage students so they feel connected to the wider school community, support students who require specialized interventions, and challenge them to understand the connection between education and lifelong success. They keep students healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged, ensuring their success for college, career and citizenship.

During this training, participants will learn about:

- The Whole Student approach and messaging how ESP are a critical member of the education workforce.
- Building connections and improving communication between educators and the community. Creating these relationships is critical to gain respect and recognition for ESP and protect against outsourcing to for-profit corporations.
- Participants will walk away feeling empowered to engage and network with community members in order to build support for their fellow ESP, students and public education.

[Click here](#) to view a PDF copy of the Education Support Professional Whole Student Poster.



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## 2020 NATS FALL CONFERENCE

Please join us for the Fall Conference for Nebraska Association of Teachers of Science (NATS).

**October 3, 2020**

HYBRID ONLINE or IN-PERSON at regional sites

### Registration Information

**Register to Attend** [HERE](#)

Registration opens - August 1st

Early Registration closes - 2 weeks prior to conference

Late Registration - Available throughout conference

**Vendor Registration:** [HERE](#)

**Presenter Call for Proposals:** [HERE](#)

**Run for NATS board:** [HERE](#)

**Cost:**

**In state registrations include a 1-year membership to NATS**

Location:

Regional ESU sites or the comfort of your own home.

## Conference Information

# 2020 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### Saturday Science Speaker



**Mark Windschitl**

[Ambitious Science Teaching](#)

## Session Topics

Learn how to implement Nebraska's Career and College Ready Standards for Science and how to use three-dimensional standards to deepen science learning and meet the needs of today's learners.

Sessions will include:

- Elementary Education
- Informal Science Education

- Using CCC's for assessments
- Equity and Racism
- Share-a-thon
- and more

Full conference schedule to be release September 1st.

## Conference Schedule

Check back for more as we finalize speakers and times.

**"I can honestly say that in most cases the workshops we had here at NATS were better or equal to any that I went to at NSTA. ... The truth is that NATS is a connection to the professional world of science teaching."**

**- Ed Brogie, Past President, 1986-1987**



Consider DONATING to or JOINING NAS/NATS  
today!

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## Nebraska Fall Ed Tech Conference

Monday, November 2, 2020 (All day)

Younes Conference Center - Kearney



The Nebraska Fall Ed Tech Conference is a joint event hosted by NCSA and NETA with a focus on all things ed tech for school administrators, teachers, tech coordinators, media specialists, tech integration specialists, and everyone in between. Look for registration to open in September.

Check out the conference website for registration and more information: <http://www.fall.netasite.org/>



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## Nebraska School Safety and Security Summit

Thursday, September 24, 2020 (All day)



### Nebraska School Safety and Security Summit

Virtual Conference

Thursday, September 24, 2020

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., CT

Click **HERE** to register!



### Agenda: Thursday, September 24, 2020

**8:30 Cyberbullying, Sexting, and Digital Abuse: The Research, Context, and Implications**

*Dr. Sameer Hinduja, Co-Director of the Cyberbullying Research Center*

**10:00 Break**

**10:30 Cyberbullying, Sexting, and Digital Dating Abuse: Prevention and Response**

*Dr. Sameer Hinduja, Co-Director of the Cyberbullying Research Center*

**12:00 Lunch Break**

**1:00 Kindness Interventions: Connecting with Students**

*Dr. Ferial Pearson, Professor at University of Nebraska at Omaha*

**2:00 Human Trafficking in Nebraska**

*Anna Brewer, Human Trafficking Training Consultant with the Women's Fund of Omaha*

**3:00 Dismiss**

### Presenters



**Dr. Sameer Hinduja** is a Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida Atlantic University and Co-Director of the Cyberbullying Research Center. Dr. Hinduja also trains students, educators, parents, mental health professionals, and other youth workers how to promote the positive use of technology. His work has been featured in venues from the BBC to The New York Times. He presented on cyberbullying at a Congressional Briefing on Capitol Hill, testified in front of the Attorney General and the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security, and served as a Fulbright Specialist Scholar at Dublin City University. Dr. Hinduja is also the Co-Founder and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Bullying Prevention.



**Dr. Ferial Pearson** was born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya and is the first in her immediate family to go to college. She taught English and Reading for ten years at Omaha South High School during which she received national awards for her work with students and in the community and earned her master's degree. In 2009, Ferial left Omaha South to work for the Avenue Scholars Foundation during which time she created the Secret Kindness Agents project, which became the subject of a book, a TEDx Talk, and was the focus of her dissertation. She currently is an Assistant Professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the Teacher Education Department.



**Anna Brewer** was employed by the FBI for 24 years. As a Special Agent assigned in Reno, Nevada, Anna established and managed an Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and established and managed a Child Exploitation Task Force to combat child sex trafficking. In 2009, she transferred to the FBI office in Omaha where Anna initiated and led the effort to establish and operate what became known as the Omaha Child Exploitation Task Force, a standing multi-agency task force dealing with sex trafficking and sexual exploitation of children. She currently is a Human Trafficking Training Consultant with the Women's Fund of Omaha.



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## School Law Update

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 (All day)

### NCSA School Law Update

Virtual Event

**CLICK HERE** to register!

Join Nebraska School Attorneys from the Perry Law Firm and KSB School Law to dive into the laws surrounding Special Education, Policy Changes & Key Implementation Issues, Personnel Issues, and everything in between with Hot Topics to include up-to-the-minute information in this time of Covid-19. You won't want to miss this important discussion of current topics and cases that impact Nebraska Schools.

### Schedule

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| 9:00-10:30  | Hot Topics with Perry Law Firm                                   |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break  |
| 10:45-11:30 | Policy Changes and Key Implementation Issues with KSB School Law |
| 11:30-12:15 | Special Education Legal Updates with Perry Law Firm              |
| 12:15-1:00  | Lunch Break  |
| 1:00-2:00   | Hot Topics in School Law with with KSB School Law                |
| 2:00-3:00   | Personnel Issues with Perry Law Firm                             |



*\*All Cancellation requests must be received no later than Monday, September 14, 2020.*