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Consortium Reduces Internet Pricing Again!

The CIU 20 Technology Department is pleased to announce that the cost of internet service has, yet again, been reduced due to our consortium efforts. The price per m/b of internet bandwidth is now only \$0.37 / mbps. This means that our Regional Wide Area Network (R-WAN) members have seen drastic savings over the years and increased bandwidth amounts.

For Districts, this means that as their schools continue to adopt initiatives such as 1:1 devices, mobile device carts, streaming media services, electronic textbooks, learning management systems, etc. they have not had to factor in costs for additional internet bandwidth and have been able to reallocate those funds to other areas of need.



R-WAN members enjoy many other benefits including two internet suppliers, a Google Caching Server, and a direct connection to every other school in Pennsylvania that is connected to their respective R-WAN.

Colonial IU 20 would like to welcome aboard our latest R-WAN member, the Wilson Area School District. We were able to work with the Technology Director at Wilson to identify areas of opportunity for savings. IU 20 was able to reduce Wilson's overall expenditures while increasing the amount of internet bandwidth that is available to their school.

In addition, IU 20 will provide a hosted firewall and content filter for the district, allowing district staff to not have to worry about "back-office" operations, and focus on tasks that have a direct impact on student achievement.

Spring Prom

On May 5, 2017, CIU 20 hosted its annual prom for our special education students (ages 16 and beyond) at Colonial Academy. This year's theme was "Candy Lane", making it the sweetest and most



magical night of the school year! More than 300 people including past and present students attended the festivities. Together with their families, they danced the night away to music played by DJ Joe Franzo who is an Autistic Support Supervisor. This year, our annual student portrait mural creation

was by Trevor Sekula. Thank you to Alexandria Manor's Negrao family for generously donating the evening's refreshments. Many thanks and appreciation to the students and staff who made decorations and to all of the staff who volunteered their time to chaperone this amazing evening!

The tradition of prom court, including this year's graduating seniors, was carried on with the crowning of King Joey



King Joey Tornebene (*front, center*) of the Northampton High School Physical Support Class, and Queen Irina Peterson (*second row, center*) of the CIU 20 High School Life Skills Program.

Congratulations to Joey and Irina, and all of the students who will be graduating this May!

UNIFORM GRANT GUIDELINES

Grace period of an additional fiscal year extends the Uniform Grant Guidelines (UGG) procurement changes until July 1, 2018. Under UGG, for non-federal entities, the expenditure of federal funds requires a competitive procurement process. For “goods/supplies”, this process needs to operate in conjunction with the procurement requirements outlined in the PA school code. The more restrictive procurement process must be followed. For “services”, the more restrictive UGG procurement process must be followed due to the state exemption for services.

Micro-Purchase ≤ \$3,500

- Consider price to be reasonable
- Distribute equitable among suppliers to the extent practical

Small Purchase Procedures > \$3,500 but < \$150,000

- Obtain/document price or rate quotations from a reasonable number of qualified sources
- Written or documented quotes

Sealed Bids \$150,000 or more

- Bids are publicly solicited
- Firm fixed price contract awarded to the responsible bidder lowest in price
- Cost or price analysis for purchases in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold

Competitive Proposals \$150,000 or more

- Conducted with more than one source submitting an offer
- Price is not used as a sole selection factor
- Fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded
- Cost or price analysis for purchases in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold

This new UGG requirement now applies to all services, even services provided through Intergovernmental Agreements. There are four exceptions to the UGG procurement process:

1. The item is available only from a single source
2. The public exigency or emergency for the requirements would not permit the delay that would result from competitive solicitation
3. After the school submits a written request, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals
4. After solicitation from a number sources, competition is determined inadequate

Currently, much work is being done through PAIU and PDE to develop a sole source justification document that would exempt non-federal entities from the UGG procurement process for certain Intergovernmental Agreements and other service agreements.



Drive Your Classroom with Google Education!

Presented By:

Kiker Learning
Instructional Technology & Design

During this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how **Google Drive** and **Google Classroom** can work together as a powerful blended learning platform.

Who: All K-20 Educational Leaders

- What:**
- Create collaborative projects using Google Drive
 - Blend Instruction with Google Classroom
 - Integrate third party learning tools into Classroom
 - Understand how to share

When: Monday, June 5, 2017,
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: CIU 20, 6 Danforth Drive,
Easton, PA 18045

Cost: \$99.00 Per Person (Includes Lunch)

Registration: Register on CPE Tracker at www.cpetracker.org or if you don't have CPE Tracker at www.ciu20.org/noncpetracker.

For more information, please call or email:

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Restructure of Medicaid Threatens Special Education Student Services

Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives recently introduced a bill to change the structure of federal Medicaid. If passed, funding could be cut by 25 percent, or more, ultimately reducing the federal Medicaid budget by \$1 trillion over the next 10 years. It is estimated by The National Alliance for Medicaid in Schools that School Districts receive less than 1 percent of the overall federal Medicaid share. If the bill passes, there will be less federal Medicaid allocation in the pot, creating greater competition between doctors, clinics, hospitals, and other health related facilities, in turn forcing the School Districts' Medicaid share to further decrease. This could be detrimental to students with disabilities and their School Districts.

The Pennsylvania School Boards Association published that in the 2015-2016 School Year federal Individuals with Disabilities



Education Act (IDEA) funding was approximately 16 percent of the overall state Special Education cost, leaving School Districts responsible for covering the remaining 86 percent. Medicaid has permitted reimbursement to School Districts, through the School Based ACCESS Program (SBAP), for providing medically necessary services to Special Education students that meet SBAP compliance regulations. This extra source of funding offsets Districts' high Special Education costs and allows students to receive the best possible services. The need for SBAP reimbursement to continue is crucial for School Districts. Without this additional reimbursement, School Districts may need to resort to cutting other programs to cover required, federally mandated, Special Education services. Furthermore, School Districts could potentially be in danger of not meeting federal IDEA compliances due to lack of funding. And worse, Special Education students may not receive critical health services they need.

The restructure of Medicaid is threatening to School Districts financially, and will greatly impact the quality education and services to students. Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 (CIU20) and surrounding School Districts have communicated the importance and need for SBAP reimbursement with Pennsylvania State Legislators. CIU20 also asks that the community reach out to legislation on this matter in hopes they see the true purpose of the PA School Based ACCESS Program and who it really affects, the students.



FREE Parent Workshop

Common Sense Education

Giving Parents the Digital Learning Resources They Need to Keep Their Children Safe!

Join **Jennifer Ehehalt**, Education Program Manager for Common Sense Education to learn about the current trends of media in the life of our kids, issues and opportunities for us to address, plus some tips to help us connect with our kids on these very important issues.

When: Wednesday, May 31, 2017
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Nazareth High School LGI Room
501 East Center Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

Cost: FREE

Registration: www.ciu20.org/parents

- Privacy & Internet Safety
- Cyberbullying
- Cell Phone Parenting
- Facebook, Instagram, and Social Media
- Character Strengths & Life Skills
- Learning with Technology



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Common Sense Education -

Giving Educators and Students the Digital Learning Resources They Need to Harness the Power of Technology for Life!

Join us to learn more about this important program for school communities to think critically, participate responsibly, and behave safely with the media and technology in their daily lives.

When: Wednesday, May 31, 2017
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM - Sign-In/Lunch
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Workshop

Where: CIU 20, 6 Danforth Drive, Easton, PA 18045

Cost: \$75.00 Per Person
Includes Lunch

Registration: Register on CPE Tracker at www.cpetracker.org.
If you don't have CPE Tracker at www.ciu20.org/noncpeTracker.

Bonus! We will also be hosting a "Parent Night" on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Nazareth High School LGI Room, 501 East Center Street, Nazareth, PA 18064 - Media and Technology plays an increasing role in the day to day lives of our kids and families. Join **Jennifer Ehehalt**, Education Program Manager for Common Sense Education to learn about the current trends of media in the life of our kids, issues and opportunities for us to address, plus some tips to help us connect with our kids on these very important issues.



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2017 Special Olympics

More than 250 children from across Northampton County participated in the Special Olympics annual outdoor track and field event at Liberty High School on Thursday May 4, 2017. Kevin E. Aul, CIU 20 Supervisor of Transportation, reported that his staff, Jeanne Dold & Carol Nixon expertly coordinated the transportation for the competitors. CIU 20 transported 261 students, from 29 different schools, using 48 drivers and vehicles. Mr. Aul attended the event to coordinate traffic and the students' arrivals and departures. Mr. Aul also said, "We heard nothing but great feedback from the teachers and staff on the day being a great event."

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