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DME Bulletin – COVID-19

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ReOpen DC Survey

REMINDER: The ReOpen DC Survey, which opened April 28, will close tonight. We are interested in learning about your feelings regarding reopening, as well as any big ideas, concerns, or feedback you have. General survey available [HERE](#). If you have Committee-specific feedback about guidelines or ideas about a particular sector, follow [this link](#) to complete a sector-specific survey.

Landed Educator Housing Program

Last Fall, Mayor Bowser and Deputy Mayor Kihn announced the availability of Landed’s down payment program, providing all charter school and DCPS employees with up to \$120,000 in share equity down payment support to purchase a home. Landed has lowered its homebuyer down payment requirement from 10% to 5%. Landed is continuing to serve DC educators and will be hosting two online information sessions this month. Interested participants can RSVP here:

[Session #1](#): May 21, 12:30 PM

[Session #2](#): May 21, 4:30 PM

Free Legal Services

DC Bar Pro Bono Center is offering free legal services. Individuals can speak with attorneys about legal issues about housing, debt collection, custody, child support, public benefits, and more. To view more information about the services, click [HERE](#) for guidance in English and Spanish. Contact Lise Adams at ladams@dcb.org with questions.

DC Public Library Newsletter

DC Public Library is dedicated to staying connected with residents and sharing news about their expansive digital services and virtual programs. Archived editions of Beyond Words is available [HERE](#). The May 4 issue can be accessed [HERE](#).

Air Quality Exercise

The Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) Air Quality Division has worked with AirNow, Clean Air Partners and Casey Trees to develop this activity packet designed to help students understand air quality index, the importance of good air quality, and the correlation between air pollution and public health. Available [HERE](#).

OSSE Update

IDEA Part B Extended School Year (ESY) Guidance: On April 30, 2020, OSSE [issued guidance](#) on modified extended school year (ESY) certification procedures for summer 2020 and anticipated ESY service delivery during breaks in service in the 2020-21 school year. **LEAs are required to complete all certification requirements, including student eligibility determinations, by July 1, 2020 to receive ESY funding and ensure student receipt of transportation services.**

For information on changes to the OSSE payment dates, the basis for payments, and what LEAs must do to ensure the receipt of ESY funding and transportation services for students with disabilities, please see the [new guidance](#) on OSSE's website. It also contains additional guidance on IEP Team consideration of distance learning during COVID-19 school closures in ESY eligibility determinations.

For more information or questions on this guidance on ESY certification, please contact Victoria Glick at Victoria.Glick@dc.gov or (202) 724-7860. Vehicles documents.

Updated Enrollment and Residency Guidance: OSSE has released its [third enrollment and residency policy update](#) in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). The updated guidance includes specific instructions to LEAs on the submission of Unemployment Insurance benefits as valid supporting residency documents as well as an updated extension for expired DC Department of Motor Vehicles documents.

For additional information and resources, please visit
coronavirus.dc.gov.