June QCM

Get your paperwork ready, because WE ARE TRAVELING!!! We are so excited to finally see each other in person for our upcoming June QCM on June 15 at the shelter at Carrier Park in Asheville. This QCM will be a time to reconnect and work on annual plans that will be due July 31.

See the agenda below that also includes the address for the park.

Also, please tentatively mark your calendars for:

- August 26-27: Grant 2.0 kick-off training
- October 1: Grant 1.0 close-out meeting

More information will be provided about these events as they're developed and spaces are reserved.
Request for Data File Updates for June

It is hard to believe that next week will be June! Thank you all for making sure that we receive your district’s monthly PowerSchool data files throughout the course of the 2020-2021 academic year.

For the month of June 2021, we are in need for each district to run and send their demographic, attendance, daily attendance, and Q4 Academic data no later than June 10th, 2021.

All the files are to be sent to GEAR UP using each district’s unique FileShare link that Tongai will provide to Coordinators and Data Coordinators on the 1st of June 2021.

Please be sure to follow the file naming rubrics below to ensure your district’s files are received and recorded for the correct grant.

For GEAR UP 2020-2027 (New Grant): 6-9 Grades
For the new grant we are requesting that you run the Demographic, Q4 Academic, Daily Attendance and Attendance data files. We expect student data for 6, 7, 8 and 9th graders in these data files. Below is the naming rubric you should use for your 6-9th grade data files:

1. Demographic Report: CountyName_6-9_Demographic_Month_Year
2. Attendance Report: CountyName_6-9_Attendance_Month_Year
3. Daily Attendance Report: CountyName_6-9_DailyAttendance_Month_Year
4. Q4 Academic Report: CountyName_6-9_Q4_Academic_Month_Year

For GEAR UP 2014-2021 (Existing grant): 10-12 Grades.
We are also requesting that you run your demographic, Q4 academic, daily attendance and attendance data files for the existing GEAR UP grant. We are to only receive student data for grades 10, 11, and 12 (and 13th grades for Madison and Wilkes) in these demographic, Q4 academic, daily attendance and attendance data reports. Below is the name rubric you should use for data files with 10-12 grades:

1. Demographic Report: CountyName_10-12_Demographic_Month_Year
2. Attendance Report: CountyName_10-12_Attendance_Month_Year
3. Daily Attendance Report: CountyName_10-12_DailyAttendance_Month_Year
4. Q4 Academic Report: CountyName_10-12_Q4_Academic_Month Year

As we prepare to close out the monthly PowerSchool data files for 2020-2021 Academic year, we would like to learn from your district when the last day of entering Final Academic Scores is for your instructors. Please share these dates with Tongai on maodzwatl@appstate.edu.

This information will be very helpful as we prepare to determine the dates for us to request from you the Final (F1) Academic, GPA, and Test Scores, before the PowerSchool system rolls over to 2021-2022 academic calendar.

For any questions please do not hesitate to contact Tongai on maodzwatl@appstate.edu.
We regularly hear from graduates that EPFP was the best professional development experiences they have ever participated in! For that reason, we are excited to continue the opportunity through GEAR UP 2.0.

Read some of the thoughts of recent EPFP graduates below...

"EPFP impacted my advocacy efforts first and foremost by showing me I could be an advocate at all. Prior to EPFP, I felt like the policymaking process was opaque and distant from me, and that those who wield power in it were unreachable. EPFP taught me how to frame my thinking about advocacy, showed me how to strategize effectively, and gave me a real opportunity to craft a message on a policy issue and have face time with legislators to share it. Without EPFP, I would never have accomplished that."

"How serendipitous it was to have the privilege of being an EPFP member during a year of unprecedented intersections in politics, healthcare, education, and civil rights! To study the history and current events of our country and state would have been powerful enough for me in any other year. However, to be able to collectively reflect on and corporately process such events through the lenses of current issues of equity and inequality THIS year has been life changing. I not only feel empowered to speak up about such issues in my professional and personal life, but I also now know how to do so! This program has opened my eyes to the struggles around me, the strength within me, and the strategies ahead of me that I will use to fuel my passion for positive change in education and beyond!"

The application is now available for next year’s cohort, and we encourage you to share with all teachers, principals, and administrators. Please reach out to Corinne Smith (smithmc3@appstate.edu) with any questions.
REAL Entrepreneurship Training in Blowing Rock for your Teachers!

This is a great opportunity to get your teachers trained to integrate entrepreneurial thinking into their classroom! It’s LOCAL, it’s HANDS ON, and it’s SUSTAINABLE.

The next training is coming up June 21st-23rd and being held in Blowing Rock, NC so we will need to get the word out to our entrepreneur-minded teachers soon!

All the details are below:
- Cost: $1,600 (includes certification, materials, and ongoing support).
- When: June 21-23, 2021 (Additional certifications in Professional Craft Arts Entrepreneurship, June 24-25.)
- Where: Meadowbrook Inn, Blowing Rock, NC
- Registration: http://www.realentrepreneurship.org/real-summer-institute-2021

Marketing & Communications Files
Do you need anything in our GEAR UP Resource Folder personalized? Do you want us to create something similar in your district? We can tweak any resource to fit the needs of your district, and we encourage you to brainstorm any ideas of how our resources can serve your needs! Districts may use any of the resources from this folder at any time. If a district wants to make any edits to an existing item in the folder, they will need to complete the Resource Request form. We will continually add items to this folder, so be sure to check back often. If you would like App State to print a resource in the folder, please allow 30 days for printing and delivery of the materials. Contact Elyssee Gibson (gibsonse@appstate.edu) with any questions.

New items in the folder include GEAR UP Zoom backgrounds, test date reminders, social media posts, GEAR UP services login flyers, survey graphics, and more!

Have Suggestions?
We love to hear your ideas! Do you have suggestions that will help us improve? At any time, please provide your feedback by clicking the button on the left. Thanks for taking the time to help us continuously grow and improve.