



The New Frontier, December 2021:

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Community of Practice for Special Education Leaders

# Before We Dive In...

## “Would You Rather” Holiday Edition (Part 2\*)

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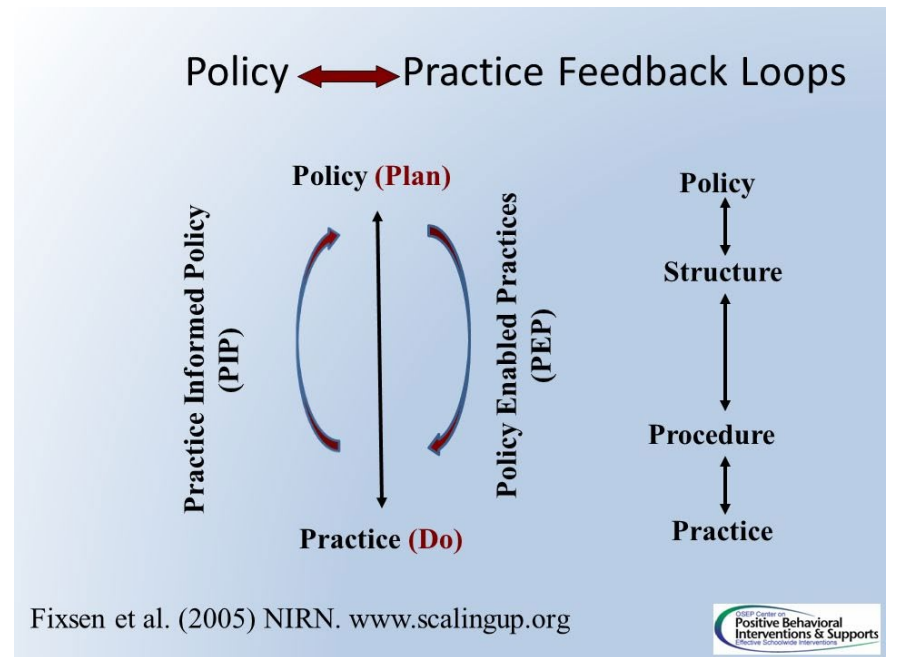
Would you rather know what all your gifts are or be surprised by all your gifts?

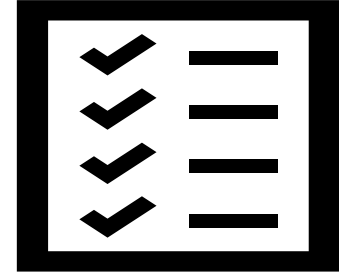
Would you rather have no Winter Break or have no Spring Break?

# Intentional Purpose

*Create a community of special education leaders across the state focusing on local practices and leadership supports relying on the KSDE and US DOE guidance as a base while providing real-time collaboration and learning for on-the-ground issues facing the field.*

**A facilitated forum for special education leaders across the state  
TO  
discuss policy-informed special education practices and  
leadership strategies  
AND  
close the policy to practice feedback loop by sharing key  
challenges and solutions learned from the field.**





# Goals of the New Frontier

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## **Participants will:**

1. Identify needed clarifications and/or additions to policy guidance for the field.
2. Share strategies and practices for special education services and leadership.
3. Gain new ideas, perspectives, and specific strategies for moving forward in good faith to successfully serve students, engage parents, and support staff in the provision of special education.
4. Develop and leverage collegial relationships and experience to solve problems of practice facing special education leaders.

# A Framework: What, So What, Now What

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**The What** → **Consider the Law, Guidance, and Resources**

**So What** → **Clarify and Identify Guiding Principles for Decision-Making**

**Now What** → **Brainstorm Solutions and Share Practices for the Field**

# GUIDANCE: THE WHAT

Message from Bert Moore  
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# SETS STATE DIRECTOR UPDATES

December 17, 2021

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# HOT TOPICS

- State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report
- Federal Funds – Reporting (CARES, CRRSA)
- Valerie Williams – Newly Named OSEP Director
- Tri-State Law Conference – Omaha, NB - In Person (Nov. 2-4, 2022)
- Graduation Task Force – SEAC Trisha Backman
- Take a Break!





# Keep The Main Thing The Main Thing



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# PERSPECTIVES: SO WHAT

File Review - Questions, Answers, and Need to Knows with  
Doug Tressler, GSTAD, TASN

# THE NOW WHAT: MOVING FORWARD

Community Conversation: Implications for Changing Calendars





# Questions for Small Group Discussion by Region

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Before you dive into the questions, please spend a moment or two on quick introductions if needed.

- What are you talking about right now with your team?
- What, if any, actions are you considering taking in the new year?
- What is a question you have for your colleagues? For KSDE?

# Opportunity for Community Reflection

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Please unmute or use the chat box to respond in reflection of your discussion.

What are your thoughts to lift to the full group?



# ON THE HORIZON

What's Coming Up



# Looking Ahead

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Special Education Administrator Quarterly #3

- January 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Register here: <https://www.ksdetasn.org/events/ob-B-g>

New Frontier CoP

- Look for an update coming soon...



# Technical Assistance Team (TAT) Support

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## New Frontier TA Office Hours

(No time to schedule a call? Didn't get around to submitting a request via KSDE TASN? –  
No Problem☺)

Come and go office hours for Kansas special education leaders to support implementation of special education services during the 2021-22 school year.

As always, you can also request technical assistance through KSDE TASN or email  
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# Before You Go

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Please take a moment to pause. Then, after a breath, let us know in the chat if there is a *wish, wonder, or worry* we can take forward.

We will see you soon.

Be well.



# Thank You.

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**Questions about this CoP Series? Feedback for us as presenters? An idea for us to consider?**

Contact: Jana Rosborough, [jrosbor@wested.org](mailto:jrosbor@wested.org)

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