SPECIAL EDUCATION

**ESIS Webinars and Compensatory Services Resources**

As noted in the August 30 edition of Principals Digest, during the 2022–23 school year, IEP teams are required to determine whether students who continue to experience learning gaps due to the COVID-19 pandemic require compensatory services. On September 15, SESIS will be updated with the new Compensatory Services section of the IEP; note that only IEPs created after September 14 will include the new section. You and your special education staff (both new and experienced), are encouraged to attend one of the professional learning opportunities below, which include instructions on using the new Compensatory Services section of the IEP in SESIS:

- **ESIS Updates:** On September 16 (morning or afternoon), or September 21 (morning or afternoon);
- **Encounter Attendance for DOE Related Service Providers:** On September 16 and 28; and
- **Annual Review Process in SESIS:** On September 19 and 29.

For more information on this and other updates to SESIS, review the September newsletter on the SESIS Communications page on the InfoHub. This includes the Recording Compensatory Services for a Student training guide and the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Guide, which is used to gain foundational knowledge on navigating the IEP, including the Compensatory Services section of the IEP.

Additional webinar descriptions and how to register for an upcoming SESIS webinar are detailed in the September 6 edition of the Principals Digest. For questions, contact your administrator for special education (ASE).

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**SCHOOL CLIMATE/SAFETY**

**Harmony Social Emotional Learning Program**

Schools that serve students in grades pre-K–6 are invited to participate in the DOE’s free and newly updated social-emotional learning (SEL) program, Harmony SEL Third Edition. The program provides relationship-driven activities for educators to develop students’ SEL competencies and create inclusive spaces for students to feel valued and respected. Participating schools receive access to ongoing webinars and the Harmony Online Learning Portal, an online library of SEL resources.

Whether you are interested in Harmony or are from a returning Harmony-participating school, you and your designee are invited to attend a virtual session about the 2022–23 program on September 15; register through the OSYD Professional Development App (sign-in with your DOE credentials) by September 14. Note that additional sessions are available to teachers and other staff of both returning and interested Harmony-participating schools, according to
this session schedule; please share the session schedule with your staff and encourage them to register for the appropriate session by September 14. For more information about Harmony SEL, watch this short video. For questions, email Harmony@schools.nyc.gov.