



Monthly Update for SEED Schools

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Hello!

Welcome back to a new school year and your second year of the eMINTS program. We know this year will be filled with many changes, challenges, and unknowns. It has been a privilege to partner with this group of educators who are rising up to take on the challenges of an epidemic, while caring for students and their families. We commend you for the thoughtful work you do to provide for your students' education and well-being.



We are working with the Federal Department of Education as the pandemic situation evolves. At this time, we plan to continue training and data collection through the second year of the program. We are diligently adjusting our program to provide your trainers and teachers with materials that will be relevant for both face-to-face instruction and remote instruction. eMINTS will maintain flexibility throughout the year to meet your needs as the school year unfolds. Our staff will work with your affiliate trainers to personalize for your situation. Please keep in touch when things change for you so that we can partner with you to do what is best to support teachers and students.

Let me know how I can be of help.

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What is happening now?

- Implementation meetings were held with districts in the months of June and July. The meetings focused on updates for the upcoming year. If you missed scheduling a meeting, please email emints-info@emints.org to set up a meeting for your implementation team.
- A survey was distributed on August 6 to tech coordinators to collect information about PASCO probeware choices and number of sets. After completing the form, tech coordinators will receive an order form from PASCO.
- Fourth quarter stipend reimbursement forms for teacher and affiliate trainers were sent to your building contact in July. Most of you have returned these for payment. Please double check that yours has been submitted.
- Affiliate Trainers are participating in their summer professional development hours, working on facilitation and coaching skills, and preparing for delivery of [Year 2 materials](#), as well as training your replacement teachers or "joiners" that are working through an eMINTS Foundation course. At the completion of that course, they will be ready to join your other Year 2 teachers during upcoming PD.

What is coming up?

- Watch for an order form for Garmins, 360 video cameras, and green screen equipment will be sent to tech coordinators in the next few weeks.
- [Teacher PD](#) for the second year begins with S201-208 as one Design Cycle which includes both in-person and online PD. During the first Design cycle, teachers will take a closer look at engineering and help students develop their skills by collecting and organizing data to solve an interdisciplinary problem. In those classrooms, teachers will incorporate a bite-sized activity that supports the usage of data collection with students. They will also begin to brainstorm potential topics and problems for an upcoming Interdisciplinary Lesson that may involve the other SEED teachers in their building.
- [FUNDamentals Free Webinars](#) are being offered by eMINTS for the school year. Any educator is welcome to attend. These webinars focus on online resources that teachers can use with their students during classroom or remote instruction. [Sign up and share!](#)

Due Dates/Reminders:

- Building principals may now [sign up](#) for their virtual meetings taking place in 2020-21.
- If your school has any new teachers, trainers or admins that have taken on new roles within the project please fill out the [Changes for Year Two Form](#).
- Please also remember to complete the [SEED Match Form](#) with any expenses your district has incurred for equipment, equipment upgrades, materials, supplies, meals, etc. This will help us meet our federal match. Thanks for taking the time to help us!

Helpful Resources

- eMINTS Second round of [Tips Cards](#) was just released, see the ideas!
- Check out and join [eMINTS Educators on Facebook](#) and also [3D Printing for Health on Facebook](#).

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