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As you have probably read or heard in the news, our ESC-COG member schools are making decisions to return to full time instruction for students. There will of course be some slight differences between our member districts on the timeline for this implementation, but after one year of dealing with the pandemic restrictions we are grateful to see this positive news.

On April 1st we plan to open up the renewal process with our annual Reasonable Assurance letter. This is often a confusing term but it basically is designed for substitutes to let you know that when schools are on a scheduled break in their calendar that upon the completion of that break you will be able to once again select substitute opportunities. Examples of those scheduled breaks are: Summer recess, holiday breaks, parent teacher conferences, fall break, winter break, spring break and any other times when school is not scheduled to be in session. Substitutes are exempt from unemployment during school recesses in Ohio Revised Code.

In the renewal for 2021-2022 there will be a course in Public School Works to comply with a new law that requires training in PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) for teachers and substitute teachers. The course content is being finalized but it will be a broad overview and introduction to *PBIS, Classroom Practices*.

The other question that we have been asked this year is, "Will the minimum number of ten assignments to renew for 2021-2022 be waived like it was for this year?" The answer is **yes**, it has been waived and will be reinstated in order to renew during the 2022-2023 school year. Please note that if you have not worked and been paid by the ESC in the past 12 months, you will need to complete the fiscal eForm when you renew your file for 2021-2022.

If you need to renew your teaching, multi-age substitute license or Educational Aide permit that will expire on June 30, 2021 you can do that now through Ohio Department of Education. Our IRN is 046938.

Finally, a big shout out to all of our active substitutes this year. I appreciate the willingness of those who have begun to return to accepting substitute assignments in addition to those who have been working all year.

Cordially,

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