Hello All,

For those of you who have made the decision to use OTES 2.0 for your evaluation system during the 2020-21 school year, we now have the details of the OTES Bridge Training from ODE. Bridge Training is only for those evaluators who have previous credentialing rights with OTES 1.0 through the NIET portal. Any brand new evaluators will need to participate in the three-day OTES 2.0 training which is currently slated to be face to face on August 5-7, 2020 in our region.

In light of the social distancing orders, the department has made the decision to offer the OTES Bridge Training in a digital format utilizing the Learning Management System that you will find in your OHID Portal. Once your profile has the LMS app added, you will register through a Google Form which we will provide to participate in the asynchronous training during a two-week window. The options for the two-week course are:

Session 1: May 31 - June 14  
Session 2: June 7 - June 21  
Session 3: June 14 - June 28

The online format is similar to Blackboard, Schoology, Moodle, and can be accessed anytime it is convenient for you. There are no deadlines beyond completion within the two-week window. The course utilizes an ePortfolio which consists of reflections, journaling, observation notes, and conversation threads. The four state trainers who will be monitoring the course are Stephanie Wagoner, Rogina Conroy, Kim Adams, and Jackie Miller. Each session will have a lead facilitator but you might hear from any of the four with questions or clarifications.

Once you receive a "pass" rating on the course, INSIGHT, the new evaluation vendor, will be alerted and you will receive an email granting you access to the online credentialing portal. You will need to obtain an OTES 2.0 credential through this system in order to evaluate educators during the 2020-21 school year for OTES 2.0.

Also, please know that this training is open to administrators/educators (association leaders, teacher leaders, admin candidates) who want to become familiar with OTES 2.0 even if not implementing until the 2021-22 school year. Just as in the past credentialing is not necessary if the information is the only goal.

It is imperative that if you would like to register for the first session you MUST complete the Google Form below by Thursday, May 21, 2020 as we will have to send names to ODE on Friday. If registering for Sessions 2 or 3, please complete ASAP but before May 29, 2020.

OTES 2.0 Bridge Training REGISTRATION -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeIAvW7lRgXU9XPoG7tp088PNvdr-r3njqd3QAdzvyrxYL-g/viewform