The past 12 months have provided NIET opportunities to establish new partnerships and strengthen how specialists support educators across the country. Here are a few of the highlights:

- NIET is awarded a $1.8 million grant from the Kern Family Foundation to begin the Accelerating Character Education Development (ACED) project.
- NIET releases the popular 2020-21 Planning and Support Guide.
- NIET releases its Virtual Companion Tool.
- Duplessis Primary School in Ascension Parish accepts the $50,000 NIET Founder’s Award in a virtual celebration.
- NIET releases new tools and services:
  - Principal Standards Rubric
  - Principal Leadership Series
  - Building District Instructional Leadership
  - EE PASS app
  - Consulting/strategic support

DeSoto Parish is awarded NIET’s second $50,000 District Award of Excellence for Educator Effectiveness.

NIET sets new organizational record for most service delivery days provided in one month, after breaking record in both July and October 2019.

NIET celebrates its 20th Anniversary.

NIET holds meeting with higher education leaders in Dallas to gather feedback and share new Aspiring Teacher Rubric.

COVID-19 begins to significantly impact NIET partners, and NIET shifts to providing virtual support.

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