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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 17, 2016

TO: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
Preschool Coordinators, Exceptional Children Programs

FROM: William J. Hussey, Exceptional Children Division *WJH*
John R. Pruette, Office of Early Learning *JRP*

RE: **Allocation for PRC 119- Preschool Projects (Budget Revision #17)**

The Preschool Exceptional Children Program is pleased to announce the release of funds to PRC 119 to support: 1) LEA Preschool Coordinators professional development; 2) Preschool Demonstration Assessment Teams, 3) Preschool Demonstration Classes; and 4) the 35 LEAs in the Targeted Social Emotional Foundations of Early Learning (SEFEL) Project.

A series of professional development opportunities have been developed for LEA Preschool Coordinators, including but not limited to: 1) Regional Preschool Coordinators Meeting (fall and spring); 2) the National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute (May 9-11, 2017); and 4) the Foundations for Early Learning and Development Summer Institutes (TBA). Each LEA has been allotted \$2,000 to ensure that their preschool leaders attend these professional development events and can be used for travel, lodging, and subsistence related to meeting attendance. Cumberland County, Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, Wake County, Guilford County, and Forsyth County will be allotted \$4,000 to support more staff attendance. LEA Preschool Coordinators who serve as regional representatives will also receive an additional \$1,000 to cover meeting costs.

LEAs may use these funds to support the participation of more than one person (special education coordinator and/or regular early childhood LEA partner) for the National Inclusion Institute. LEAs may also elect to send an LEA trainer(s) to the train-the-trainer session on Foundations Summer Institute. Please plan for use of funds accordingly and expend funds prior to September 30, 2017. Funds remaining at the end of this year may be used for supplies, materials, or equipment for preschool classrooms.

Allocation amounts for the Preschool Demonstration Assessment Teams, classes, and targeted NC SEFEL projects align with the approved spending plans and assurances.

If you have any questions related to the funding, please contact Dr. Vivian James at 919-218-8384, vivian.james@dpi.nc.gov.

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