



Public Schools of North Carolina

# **EC Directors' Webinar**

## **April 21, 2015**

# Agenda



1. Determination Letters
2. SSIP/Practice Profile
2. Legislative Updates
4. Section Updates
5. Wrap-Up





# LEA Determinations

- The State must monitor, enforce & report the implementation of the requirements of IDEA Part B
- Must use quantifiable indicators & qualitative indicators, as needed, to measure performance in given areas
- Must use targets in State Performance Plan to analyze performance of each LEA

CFR §300.600 & §300.602





# LEA Determinations

- Levels of Performance include:
  - Meets Requirements
  - Needs Assistance
  - Needs Intervention
  - Needs Substantial Intervention

CFR §300.603





# LEA Determinations

- If an LEA is not meeting IDEA requirements, including targets in the State Performance Plan, the SEA must prohibit the LEA from –
  - reducing its maintenance of effort; or
  - permissive use of 15% of IDEA funds for Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)

CFR §300.608



# LEA Determinations



- Letters notifying LEAs of their determination status are issued in July
- In past years, a compliance rubric was used
- A compliance matrix will be used for the 2015 determinations
- Consideration will be given to the addition of a results matrix in the future



# Compliance Matrix



- **Meets Requirements** – matrix percentage  $\geq 90\%$
- **Needs Assistance** – matrix percentage  $\geq 75\%$  &  $< 90\%$
- **Needs Intervention** – matrix percentage  $< 75\%$  and one or more additional conditions (e.g. certain compliance indicators below 50%; failure to provide data or data are not valid & reliable for compliance indicators; failure to correct non-compliance within one year)
- **Needs Substantial Intervention** – special conditions for failure to implement IDEA requirements; several years of longstanding non-compliance; etc.)





# SSIP/Practice Profiles Update







# Legislative Updates

- HB 420 LD and Dyslexia
- HB 133 EC Scholarships
- HB 237 Revoking PEPs
- SB 343 Student Assault
- HB 355 Enhance Group Homes (PRTF)
- HB 727 Reading Assessments



# Policy, Monitoring and Audit (PMA) Updates



- Summer Institutes
  - Dispute Resolution: Establishing Capacity at the Local Level
  - Monitoring: What to Expect When It's Your Turn
    - By invitation only to EC Directors/Coordinators
    - Based on new five-year cycle for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017
- Region 3 Monitor
  - Julie Whetzel
  - Starts May 18, 2015





# PMA Updates

- Upcoming Memos
  - Specially Designed Instruction
  - Revocation of Consent Part II
  - Private School Students
  - Discipline/Manifestation Determinations
- A webinar will be planned to review the contents of the memos. Details to come.





# PMA- Questions from the Field

- If an EC teacher (e.g., in co-teaching environment and /or resource setting) is absent from work, must the school provide a substitute?
  - *Yes. The lesson plans left for the substitute provide a critical piece of documentation that student services were not interrupted and a plan for the continued provision of FAPE was accomplished.*





# PMA- Questions from the Field

- If yes, must the substitute be a licensed EC teacher/licensed teacher/approved by meeting the substitute requirements of the LEA?
  - *LEAs should follow the requirements for EC substitutes just as they would for classroom teachers.*
  - ***CAUTION: Consider the following—***
    - *Will FAPE be provided under these conditions (a sick day is different from a long-term leave/vacancy)?*
    - *What documentation/plans will I need to support the least disruption to service delivery?*
    - *How should I communicate a long-term leave to parents? What do my plans include?*



# Program Improvement and Professional Development (PIPD) Updates



- Summer Institutes
  - Memo emailed 4/17/15
  - Registration deadline is 7/17/15
  - 46 total institutes (6 invite only)
  - Listed on EC Website
  - <http://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/conferences-profdev/summer-institutes>
  - Registration is not FREE





# PIPD Updates

Announcing  
Region 7 EC Literacy Consultant

*(Drumroll please.....)*

Welcome!

***Melanie Sharpe***

Begins 5/18/15





# Behavior Support Section (BSS) Updates

- PRC 29 – Initial Request for Funds-due May 1
- PRC 118 –PBIS Request for Funds-due May 1
- Midyear Report – PBIS and PRC 29
- Personnel Changes:
  - Region 7-Jennifer Phelps
  - Region 8-Felicia Goodgion





# Supporting Teaching and Related Services (STARS) Updates



- If you have not already done so, please submit the **name of one person** to represent your district as your Transition Lead to Beverly Colwell, [Beverly.Colwell@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Beverly.Colwell@dpi.nc.gov)
- This person will need to attend transition training and deliver training to EC Teachers in your district
- If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Colwell



# STARS Updates



- ❖ **For Summer Institutes we will offer:**
  - A half-day IEP goal workshop (intended for **PE** teachers but open to all).
  - An all-day session for **PE** teachers who desire certification in **APE**.
  - An all-day session for those new to school practice (**APE**); recommended for contracted or newly hired therapists, psychologists or nurses.





# STARS Updates

## ❖ Clarification: Significant Cognitive Disabilities(SCD):

- July 6-8 Institute-----**Advanced Foundations of Math\***
- July 13-17 Institute----**Advanced Literacy\***

\*Participants must have previously attended Foundations of Math or Foundations of Literacy training for SCD.



# Special Programs and Data (SPD) Updates



- Tomorrow (4/22/2015) is the last day to submit April 1 Child Count
- Please ensure that all end of the year data is submitted on time
  - CECAS data
  - End of year Updates and Reversion forms for Special Project funds
    - Risk Pool
    - Special State Reserve
    - Developmental Day DDCF-1 end of year budget form



# SPD Updates



- State IDEA Part B Grant Application comment period ends 4/24/2015
- EC Grant application went live 4/1/2015, EC grants are due May 29, 2015 (planning information will be forthcoming)
- CEIS information and memos for Significant disproportionality, Warning lists and Permissive use have all been sent out to LEAs



# SPD Updates



- An IDEA Fiscal Accountability Summer Institute will be offered this year
- The 65<sup>th</sup> Conference on Exceptional Children  
***Graduation: The Measure of Tomorrow***
  - Call for Proposals (CFP) went live 4/1/2015
  - All CFPs for both Institutes and General Conference are due 5/15/2015



# Regional Administrative Support (RAS) Updates



- New Directors' Leadership Institute
  - Information and applications coming soon
- Regional Education Consultant Positions
  - Regions 5 & 6
  - Two new positions: Charters
- Charter and PRTF Academy
  - July 13-14---Charlotte
  - July 16-17---Raleigh





# Future Webinar Dates

- June 2
- August 4
- October 6\*
- December 1

