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Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

The purpose of this letter is to explain some changes in the Exceptional Children (EC) Division's data system and how they will affect you. We have worked hard to implement the new Every Child Accountability System (ECATS) because we believe it will allow us to better document and provide special education services to children with disabilities.

The transition to ECATS may affect the date of your child's annual Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting. IEP team meetings that are normally scheduled to occur between June 18 and July 7, 2018 may be held earlier so that all information can be transferred into the new data system.

Additionally, the EC Division has reviewed and revised its current EC forms. During this transition time, local, state and/or new EC forms may be used to document your child's services. All IEP meetings will use the new forms as of October 1, 2018.

While you will notice changes in the location of certain information on the new forms, we want to reassure you that our obligation to provide appropriate special education and related services to children with disabilities has not changed.

To learn more about ECATS and the new EC forms, please visit the EC Division website. You can find a link to information on ECATS as well as new forms, which is updated as information becomes available.

ECATS: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/ecats/>

EC Forms: <https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/policies/forms>

Questions may be directed to ECATS.Info@dpi.nc.gov.

You may also contact Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (North Carolina's statewide Parent Training and Information Center) at www.ecac-parentcenter.org or (800) 962-6817.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hussey".

William J. Hussey, Director
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