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SUBJECT Changes to Federal Quota Funds for Students with Vision Impairment

The Exceptional Children Division (ECD) received communication from the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) regarding a reduction in federal dollar allocation per student.

Originally, the sum of \$279.10 was appropriated per registered student. The message below from Dorinda Rife, Vice President, Educational Services and Product Development for APH outlines the reason behind the reduction in funding allocation.

Due to the incoming Administration, several decisions have been delayed. Like many other government budgets our federal budget has not been approved. Most federal agencies are operating on a Continuing Resolution which allows agencies to operate on the previous year's budget. It also requires that agencies work on partial releases of portions of the budget. To date we have received 60% of our FY2017 budget; therefore, the allocation per student is set at \$167.53 We anticipate that as we receive additional funding, we will be able to release additional Quota dollars.

Until more information is gathered, public and private entities with students registered for the Legally Blind are asked to prioritize purchases. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amy Campbell, Educational Consultant for Visual Impairment and NC Ex-Officio Trustee for APH, at amy.campbell@dpi.nc.gov, 919-807-3988.

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