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To: Exceptional Children Program Directors
Charter School Exceptional Children Coordinators
NC State Improvement Project (NC SIP) Coordinators, Instructors, and Regional Coaches
Institutions of Higher Education

From: William Hussey, Director Exceptional Children Division
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Date: September 15, 2016

RE: NC STATE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NC SIP) GRANT AWARDS

The Exceptional Children Division (ECD), Program Improvement and Professional Development (PIPD) Section has selected seventy-one LEAs to participate in the 2016-17 NC SIP grant partnership. The goals for the new grant are:

- GOAL 1** - NC SIP staff will increase their capacity to provide leadership, professional development, coaching, and supports to participating districts, teachers, and families on leadership and effective reading, math, and content literacy instruction.
- GOAL 2** - District and building administrators will have the skills to develop, implement, and evaluate district plans that support the improvement of core content instruction and achievement of students with disabilities in their districts.
- GOAL 3** - Teachers and administrators will have the skills to effectively implement research-based reading, math, adolescent literacy and co-teaching instructional practices for students with disabilities in the K-12 classroom, which will lead to increased student engagement, student generalization of skills, academic achievement, and family engagement.
- GOAL 4** - Pre-service teachers and in-service administrators enrolled in partnering IHEs, will have the capacity to effectively implement and support research-based reading, math, adolescent literacy, and co-teaching for students with disabilities.

The accomplishment of these goals will be achieved through intentional, targeted, and supported implementation at three levels of engagement termed: **Best Practice Centers, Demonstration Sites, and Network Sites**. LEAs who applied for grant participation indicated their choice of level of engagement. The centers and sites selected will provide regional opportunities for professional development and greater access to observe best practices at the local level. The professional learning foci will include new topics identified to address implementation needs as well as revised content. In addition, support will be provided for data collection procedures. The current topics are:

- All Leaders Understand, Support, and Collaborate to Provide Evidence-Based Instruction (reading, math)
- Reading and Math Foundations courses (revised 2016)
- Evidence-Based Programs for reading and math instruction
- Coaching continuum to include virtual coaching
- Co-teaching for Administrators and Teachers
- Evidence-Based adolescent literacy programming

The selected LEA teams at each participating school, with support and guidance from the NC SIP regional team (NC SIP Consultants and Regional Coach), will collaborate to develop the 2016-17 implementation plan. Quarterly measurement goals will be clearly articulated in the plan and the year-end Developmental Review will be conducted to determine if goals are met. PRC 082 funds are to be budgeted and spent according to plan (by the 2016-17 fiscal year end) and reflected in the annual LEA combined expenditure report by the due date. The spending of these funds must adhere to the guideline of 90% for professional development and 10% for materials to support the professional

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development. Meeting implementation plan goals, accountability for appropriate spending, and timely data reporting will be determining factors in a site's continuing participation and funding the following year. This information will be addressed in more detail at the November meeting.

PRC 082 funds will be allotted in October. An orientation and planning meeting for the sites will be held at the Koury Convention Center on November 7, 2016. LEAs will complete a survey to allow us to collect correct contact information of the team that will attend the meeting. Orientation registration information will be sent directly to the individuals named. ECD Literacy and Math Consultants will begin scheduling phone calls with the teams to introduce themselves and provide information about preparation for the November orientation. Each of the sites selected will receive an electronic individual letter with their award amount. The list of sites and their level of engagement may be found on the next page.

If you have questions, you may contact Dr. Paula Crawford at paula.crawford@dpi.nc.gov or (919) 807-3298.

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List of LEAs selected for 2016-17:

LEA Region	LEA Names	Best Practice Center \$40,000 (5)	Demonstration Site \$20,000 (15)	Network Site \$10,000 or less (51)
Northeast		None	(2)	(6)
	Pitt		X	
	Beaufort		X	
	Perquimans			X
	Elizabeth City Pasquotank			X
	Gates			X
	Edenton-Chowan			X
	Roanoke Rapids			X
	Bertie			X
Southeast		(1)	(2)	(6)
	Lenoir	X		
	Duplin		X	
	Carteret		X	
	New Hanover			X
	Pender			X
	Brunswick			X
	Craven			X
	Wayne			X
	Pamlico			X
Northcentral		None	(2)	(8)
	Wilson		X	
	Nash Rocky Mount		X	
	Harnett			X
	Lee			X
	Granville			X
	Orange Charter			X
	Vance			X
	Chatham			X
	Edgecombe			X
	Chapel Hill Carborro			X
Sandhills		(1)	(2)	(4)
	Cumberland	X		
	Scotland		X	
	Moore		X	
	Clinton City			X
	Richmond			X
	Bladen			X
	Hoke			X
Piedmont-Triad		None	(2)	(8)
	Yadkin		X	
	Alamance Burlington		X	

	Stokes			X
	Davie			X
	Winston-Salem Forsyth			X
	Caswell			X
	Thomasville City			X
	Rockingham			X
	Asheboro City			X
	Davidson			X
Southwest		(1)	(2)	(6)
	Cleveland	X		
	Iredell Statesville		X	
	Cabarrus		X	
	Stanly			X
	Kannapolis City			X
	Lincoln			X
	Charlotte Mecklenburg			X
	Gaston			X
	Rowan Salisbury			X
Northwest		(1)	(2)	(8)
	Catawba	X		
	Burke		X	
	Newton Conover		X	
	Allegheny			X
	Caldwell			X
	Ashe			X
	Avery			X
	Mitchell			X
	Wilkes			X
	Yancey			X
	McDowell			X
Western		(1)	(1)	(5)
	Haywood	X		
	Jackson		X	
	Asheville City			X
	Rutherford			X
	Swain			X
	Graham			X
	Madison			X