

April 3, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
Administrators, Charter Schools

FROM: William J. Hussey, Director *WJH*
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RE: PRC29 Funding for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

It is time for the annual budget request process to access funds (PRC29) for the 2017-2018 school year. A special budget provision in the 1999 Appropriation Act modified the use of these state dollars to allow expenditure of these funds to provide services to *"(i) children with special needs who were identified as members of the Willie M class at the time of dissolution of the class, and (ii) other children with special needs."* This provision provides the flexibility to use these funds for services for other children with disabilities who have significant behavioral and emotional needs in public schools.

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and Charter Schools should begin planning for submission of requests **prior to the May 1, 2017**, deadline. The **application process** requires each LEA/Charter School to identify potential services and indicators that will measure the effectiveness of these supports.

The Application should be completed and submitted online at:
<http://behaviorsupport.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/Initial+Request+For+PRC+29+Funds>

****Information within the link will become available on April 21, 2017****

A complete funding package for CECAS and Non-CECAS users consists of:

- Behavior Support Services Request for Funds (online)
- Initial Entrance/Exit Tool/Student Roster
- **CECAS Users:** Baseline Request Entry and Student Information Form
<https://prod.nccecas.org/Cecas/Login.aspx>
- **Non-CECAS Users:** Student Information Form (SIF)

These allocations are made available through a competitive needs-based grant process. The state resources for funding the LEAs/Charter Schools are fixed; and therefore funding requests may be denied or partially funded by the Division. LEAs/Charter Schools should prioritize the budget requests and communicate such priorities to their Regional Behavior Support Consultant **prior to May 1, 2017**. Prioritization will be given to LEAs/Charter Schools that provided results-based services, timely submission and positions previously funded through PRC29 funds.

If the request is approved or partially-funded, a formal letter will be sent stating the exact amount allocated and how the funds are to be utilized. If the request is denied, a formal letter will be sent to the Exceptional Children Director or Charter School Administrator.

The complete request for funding process, instructions and documents are located at <http://behaviorsupport.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/Initial+Request+For+PRC+29+Funds>

Please contact Joe Simmons, Behavior Support Section Chief, at 919-807-3993 or joe.simmons@dpi.nc.gov if you have questions.

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