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MEMORANDUM

TO Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
Lead Administrators, Charter School
Directors, State Operated Program
Finance Officers

FROM Sherry H. Thomas *SHT*

DATE June 17, 2019

COORDINATED EARLY INTERVENING SERVICES (CEIS) PERMISSIVE USE

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act 2004 (IDEA) requires local educational agencies (LEAs), determined to have significant disproportionality as described under 34 CFR §300.646(b)(2), to reserve the maximum amount of federal funds (15 percent), under section 613(f) of the Act, to provide comprehensive coordinated early intervening services to serve children in the LEA, particularly, but not exclusively, children in those groups who are significantly disproportionate under 34 CFR §300.646(a) of the IDEA regulations.

For those LEAs with significant disproportionality, a mandatory amount equal to 15 percent of the total LEA IDEA federal funds for FY 2019-20 (611 funds and 619 funds) will be reallocated from PRC 60 to PRC 70.

LEAs without significant disproportionality may elect to provide CEIS through permissive use of funds up to and including 15 percent of the total LEA IDEA federal funds for FY 2019-20 to implement CEIS. The calculation is based on the total of two awards (611 funds and 619 funds), and if an LEA elects to use IDEA funding for CEIS, the funds will be reallocated from PRC 60 to PRC 70.

For those LEAs that elect to provide CEIS, please submit, by July 15, 2019, the enclosed form indicating the amount of funds to be reallocated from PRC 60 to PRC 70. LEAs electing to use CEIS funds for FY 2019-20 are allowed to transfer funds through January 15, 2020, from PRC 70 back to PRC 60. Please contact Amanda Byrd at 919-807-3948 or amanda.byrd@dpi.nc.gov for further information.

While LEAs may provide coordinated early intervening services to children K-12, the regulations strongly encourage these services be provided to children K-3. LEAs providing CEIS must submit an implementation plan in their IDEA, Part B (611) Grant for FY 2019-20 and maintain documentation of the number of children who receive CEIS during FY 2019-20 and subsequently receive special education and related services in SY 2019-2020, or 2020-21 or 2021-2022.

The warning lists are being completed and will be sent out in the next two weeks. If you have questions related to permissive use of CEIS funds, please contact Amanda Byrd at: amanda.byrd@dpi.nc.gov or 919-807-3948.

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Enclosure

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