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To: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs  
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From: William J. Hussey, Director,   
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RE: **Grants to Improve Safety and Mental Health Supports In Public Schools**

The NC General Assembly allocated funding this year for grants to improve safety and mental health supports in public schools.

Linked below you will find the **NC School Mental Health Personnel** grant application for purposes of providing all or a portion of the salary and benefits needed to employ additional school counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, and school social workers for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Funds will be awarded by the Superintendent of Public Instruction through a competitive grant process and must be used to supplement, not supplant, State or non-State funds already provided. It is the **intent** of the General Assembly to provide additional support for grants for school mental health support personnel in the 2019-2020 academic year.

Please note that there is a quick turn-around time with a **July 31 deadline** in an effort to be able to notify grant applicants as soon as possible of grant awards.

If you have any questions, please submit them to [schoolsafetygrants@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:schoolsafetygrants@dpi.nc.gov)

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