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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 3, 2019

TO: Exceptional Children Directors *SHT*
Exceptional Children Coordinators
NC SIP Coordinators

FROM: Sherry H. Thomas, Director
Exceptional Children Division

RE: Understanding Specific Learning Disabilities in Mathematics Capacity Building Application

[House Bill 149](#) requires ongoing professional development opportunities are made available on the identification of and intervention strategies for students with dyslexia, dyscalculia, or other specific learning disabilities. The NC Department of Public Instruction's (NC DPI) Exceptional Children Division is inviting current certified and employed Foundations of Math instructors to complete the requirements for certification as a provider of NC DPI approved training on dyscalculia. Accepted applicants will attend the Understanding Specific Learning Disabilities in Math two-day training on September 18-19, 2019.

The benefits to the LEA employing a selected and certified trainer is increased capacity to accomplish the following:

- Identify needed research-based practices and instructional methods to increase the percentage of students who respond to core math instruction alone
- Improve outcomes for students receiving the supplemental and intensive intervention, including students with a Specific Learning Disability in math
- Identify and intervene early with students exhibiting characteristics of mathematics difficulty
- Facilitate collaborative communication with parents and other community stakeholders around the topic of Specific Learning Disability in mathematics, including dyscalculia.

The attached application describes the commitments of the LEA and the selected trainers in further detail. All interested applicants should complete the attached form in full and return to NC DPI by Friday, June 7, 2019. Applications received after that date may not be considered. The Exceptional Children Director must sign the application, and the applicant's direct supervisor, if applicable. NC DPI staff will review all applications and, all applicants will be notified by July 1, 2019, of their acceptance.

For questions, please contact Ginger Cash at ginger.cash@dpi.nc.gov or Teri Queen at teri.queen@dpi.nc.gov.

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