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TO: Directors of Special Education
Administrators of an Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities
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FROM: Peggy McDonald, Interim Director
Office of Special Education

SUBJECT: Videoconferences for Educational Interpreters

The New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education, is sponsoring four videoconference workshops for educational interpreters. These workshops will be presented by the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Diagnostic Center, Boystown National Research Hospital. The EIPA Diagnostic Center designs professional development workshops to support the continued skill development of educational interpreters employed in kindergarten through grade twelve classroom settings.

Educational interpreters with standard certification are required to complete 100 hours of professional development in a five-year cycle. The videoconference workshops offer a unique opportunity for educational interpreters to work towards completing the annual goals of their professional development plans. Participants may register for one or more videoconference workshops. The videoconference workshops will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011, Saturday, January 14, 2012, Saturday, March 24, 2012 and Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 11a.m. to 3p.m. eastern standard time.

Workshops will be offered at three locations in New Jersey. The addresses and websites for directions to each site may be found in the attached brochure. Workshop descriptions and registration information are also included in the brochure. Please be advised that space at each location is limited. Participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible. On-site registration will not be available. In the event that the numbers of registrations exceed the facilities' capacities, the registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. There is no registration fee to attend.

If you have any questions about the educational interpreter videoconference workshop series or the professional development requirements for educational interpreters, please contact Ms. Therese Sheehan, coordinator of educational programs and resources for students with hearing loss, at (609) 633-7665 V/TTY.

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Attachment

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