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Please distribute the enclosed information to the individual responsible for completion of the IDEA grant online.

TO: Chief School Administrator
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FROM: Peggy McDonald, Interim Director
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SUBJECT: Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004)
FY 2012 Entitlement Allocations and Application

IDEA 2012 Application Information

This is to provide you with information on your IDEA allocations and application. The district allocations are now located at <http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/fund/>. The Basic and Preschool allocations are distributed on a formula basis to local education agencies (LEAs). A detailed description of the allocation can be found on the Allocation Pages of the online grant application. The FY 2012 IDEA application will be available the week of September 5, 2011, in the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system. **The due date for submission of the FY 2012 IDEA application will be Friday, October 7, 2011.**

Basic Allocations (ages 3-21) – Each district's award should be close to the amount distributed in fiscal year 2011. The reason(s) for any changes in the awards could be either or both of the following:

- The formula relies heavily on enrollment for a major portion of the LEA awards. If the general enrollment (public and nonpublic) within a district shifted, the population factor of the allocation will change proportionately.
- The Poverty amount now includes nonpublic free and reduced lunch counts.

Preschool Allocations (ages 3-5) - The State IDEA - Part B Preschool Grant is level funded. The amounts available for the Census and Poverty factors are being distributed across an increased number of children. As a result, many LEAs and state agencies will notice reductions in this allocation. It is anticipated that LEAs will continue to experience fluctuations in the entitlement award on a yearly basis if the federal Preschool Allocation remains at this level or is further reduced. LEAs may offset reductions in the Preschool Grant by funding activities for students ages 3-5 in the Basic Grant.

Nonoperating districts **MUST** join in a consortium with an operating district and may not apply directly for their IDEA funds. Districts may establish consortiums directly through the EWEG system or submit the consortium designation form to Ms. Patricia Holcomb-Gray at 609-984-8422 or patricia.gray@doe.state.nj.us. This must be completed prior to the creation of the 2012 grant application. The form may be located at <http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/fund/>.

In addition, districts this year are being requested to forward their Excess Cost Calculations (process located on <http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/fund/>) to their county supervisor of child study. This will be considered in the grant review as part of Maintenance of Effort.

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The FY 2012 IDEA project period is September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. Because the allocations and application have been delayed program activities will be permitted to include expenditures as of September 1, 2011 (program start date) provided the application is received in substantially approvable form (electronically submitted) by the NJDOE as of the due date.

General Information

Specific guidelines and materials relating to the application for federal IDEA, Part B funds to support programs and services for children with disabilities may be obtained in the online application on the Consolidated Page in the **Instructions** link.

Districts identified for **significant disproportionality** of specific racial/ethnic groups in special education will be notified of this determination in the online application. These districts will be required to set aside a maximum 15% of their IDEA funds for Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS).

Proportionate Share for Parentally Placed Students with Disabilities in Nonpublic Schools:

For the FY 2012 IDEA application, a proportionate share (Basic and Preschool, if appropriate) has been established for each LEA that reported parentally placed students with disabilities on Table 13 of their nonpublic annual data report (ADR) in October 2010. Districts must continue to use the entire IDEA proportionate share to provide services to students with disabilities parentally placed in private schools (sectarian and nonsectarian) located within the district.

Consultation with the representatives of the parentally placed students with disabilities must occur prior to the development of the IDEA grant. The district must maintain a copy of the Affirmation of Consultation with Nonpublic School form in its records and provide a copy to NJDOE upon request.

Renovation/Construction:

If the district is considering the use of IDEA grant funds (Basic and/or Preschool) for a renovation/construction project, the form located at <http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/fund/> must be completed and uploaded in the application.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please direct inquiries to your county supervisor of child study or Ms. Patricia Holcomb-Gray in the Office of Special Education, at 609-984-4953.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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