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To: Superintendents of Schools
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From: Office of the Commissioner of Education
Division of Instruction
Bureau of Special Education

RE: 2012 Federal Quota Census to Promote the Education of the Blind

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education will be conducting the registration process of the 2012 Federal Quota Census to Promote the Education of the Blind. The Federal Act to Promote the Education of the Blind provides adapted educational materials to eligible students who meet the definition of blindness based on this Federal Quota Census. Each State must submit an annual registration of eligible students to determine a per capita amount of money they receive to purchase educational materials produced by the American Printing House for the Blind (APH). Eligible students include students who attend public schools, private schools, charter schools and students who are home schooled.

The 2012 Federal Quota Census registration process requires that the State Ex Officio Trustee work with representatives from public and private educational programs and schools to complete the registration process. The process begins on January 2, 2012 and must be completed by February 15, 2012. Included is your 2012 Federal Quota Census Registration Packet. Your 2012 Federal Quota Census registration packet includes a registration form, instructions regarding the registration form, a sample of a parent permission form, and various resource charts.

New Hampshire will be able to purchase adapted educational materials from the American Printing House for the Blind based on the amount of credit through the student count of the 2012 Federal Quota Census. Last year New Hampshire students benefited from close to \$50,000.00 of federal credit used to purchase Braille and large print materials and educational tools.

Please return the completed 2012 Federal Quota Census Registration Forms to:

Kim Stiles, Ex Officio Trustee of APH Count
New Hampshire Department of Education ~ Bureau of Special Education
101 Pleasant Street, Concord NH 03301

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Stiles at (603) 271-0818 or kim.l.stiles@doe.nh.gov.

Enclosure:
Annual Registration of Legally Blind Students for the American Printing House for the Blind