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To: Superintendents of Schools
Special Education Directors
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From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

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Re: Tutorial Services Project

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDoE) is providing an update on special education services being provided to students with disabilities at the Houses of Corrections. Currently, the NHDoE works with all ten Houses of Corrections to confirm that an inmate age 17 through 21 is a student with a disability and send notice to the school district that the student has been incarcerated. Once the inmate is confirmed to be eligible for special education services, the Tutorial Service Grant is able to work with student's school district to offer tutorial services. The NHDoE funds the Tutorial Services Grant that provides tutors to students with disabilities incarcerated at the Houses of Corrections.

The NHDoE will continue to work with all ten Houses of Corrections to confirm that an inmate age 17 through 21 is a student with a disability and send notice to the school district that the student has been incarcerated. Beginning November 1, 2008 the LEA will be responsible for providing special education services to inmates age 17 through 21 who are students with a disability. The NHDoE will no longer provide tutorial services through a grant.

With the passing of House Bill 766, which will go into effect January 1, 2009, the NHDoE will be focusing its personnel and financial resources towards implementing the components regarding Houses of Corrections and inmates age 17 through 21 who are students with a disability. One component of House Bill 766 is that each House of Corrections will have a designate Special Education Coordinator who will, "act as the contact person for outside entities on matters related to special education, and to consolidate and coordinate existing functions associated with providing a free appropriate public education to eligible students, including the assessment of eligibility and educational needs, and who shall participate in hiring or contracting with necessary staff, coordinate with local school district staff or other individuals to provide special education and related services, coordinate evaluations and meetings, and oversee the planning of special education after discharge (HB 766)". The NHDoE will be providing technical assistance to the Houses of Corrections to implement this component.

The second component of House Bill 766 is the NH DOE will monitor all special education programs at the Houses of Corrections. The NHDoE is currently reviewing what the monitoring activities will entail.

The NH DOE will continue to provide updates regarding the implementation of House Bill 766.

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