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Bureau of Special Education FY'09 Memo #20

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To: Superintendents of Schools
Special Education Directors

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Division of Instruction
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RE: **December 2008 Federal Child Count for Special Education**

In order to ensure that each New Hampshire school district will receive federal special education funds for fiscal year 2009, the New Hampshire Department of Education is required to submit a child count to the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The data reports **MUST** be received by OSEP by February 1, 2009. Preparing the child count so that it meets federal requirements requires the cooperation of special education personnel at the district level. The source of data for these reports is the New Hampshire Special Education Information System (NHSEIS). The schedule for preparing the federal child count for FY'09 follows.

12/01/08 REFERENCE DATE for determination of student data eligibility for FY'09 child count

1/16/09 Students' compliance date will be generated from NHSEIS

2/01/09 DEADLINE for receipt to OSEP of NH Child Count Data

THIS SCHEDULE MUST BE FOLLOWED STRICTLY BECAUSE THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO FLEXIBILITY WITH THE DATE THAT THE CHILD COUNT MUST BE RECEIVED BY OSEP.

If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please contact us at 271-3741. We understand that meeting the deadlines for the child count requires a tremendous effort on the part of local district staff. These efforts are truly appreciated.

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