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RE: Preschool Outcome Measurement System

Per the NH State Performance Plan submitted February 1, 2009, the NHDOE is providing the following information to districts regarding reporting timelines for Preschool Outcome Measurement data:

- March 1, 2009: NHDOE notifies districts to verify that preschool outcome data are complete and accurate for July 1, 2008- December 31, 2008 in the publisher's online data systems;
- March 20, 2009: NHDOE generates preschool outcome data reports from the 3 publishers for July 1, 2008-December 31, 2008;
- April 15, 2009: NHDOE completes analysis of the quality of the preschool outcome data (missing data and patterns) and works with districts to improve data completeness and accuracy.
- May 15, 2009: NHDOE notifies districts to complete their data verification for the July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 reporting period. This verification should occur prior to the date the NHDOE will generate the preschool outcome data reports. Districts will be required to submit to the State the following information: what age is considered exit from preschool special education? How many children have entry data in 2008-2009? How many have exit data with at least 6 months of service?
- August 14, 2009: NHDOE generates preschool outcome reports from the 3 publishers for the July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009 reporting period.
- September 30, 2009: NHDOE completes data review and addresses any identified issues of missing data. The NHDOE works with ECO, district personnel and parents to identify, predict and question patterns in the data. The NHDOE will share with each district their result based on the OSEP progress reporting requirements in preparation for the next year's data which will be reported to the public. This data will be compared to the baseline data as the targets will not be in place for this year.

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