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Special Education Director

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

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Re: Preschool Technical Assistance Network (PTAN)

The NH Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education is pleased to announce that the Preschool Technical Assistance Network (PTAN) has received continued funding to provide statewide professional development activities that promote quality early childhood education/special education programs. The Bureau appreciates PTAN's ability to consistently demonstrate the capacity for both effective and responsive efforts that result in improvements for young children with disabilities, their families, and those who work to support them.

Bureau funds support the project infrastructure and statewide activities that address key indicators in the NH State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Reports specific to preschool special education (Indicator 6: Preschool LRE; Indicator 7: Preschool Outcomes; Indicator 8: Parental Involvement; and Indicator 12: Early Transitions).

Additional funds contributed by local school districts and SAUs increase PTAN's capacity to provide professional development activities specifically responsive to the local needs of preschool special educators. Last year forty school districts dedicated nearly thirteen thousand dollars to fund such activities. Some of the topics addressed included: promoting improved communication with medical providers; writing measurable goals; effective models of service delivery; RTI for preschool special education; and program options for children with Autism.

Appropriate sources for local contributions to PTAN include:

- IDEA Entitlement Funds
Part B Special Education
Preschool Special Education
- IDEA Recovery Funds
Part B Special Education
Preschool Special Education

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The process for making a local contribution to PTAN is easy: when submitting your annual request for federal special education funds or your IDEA Recovery Funds (Part B or Preschool), include PTAN as a project activity on the project description page.

Project evaluation data consistently substantiates the positive impact of PTAN activities and provides strong support for continued use of both state and local resources to support the project's continuation. Please encourage your lead personnel in preschool special education to take advantage of all that the network has to offer and remember that regional contributions allow greater local control of network activities.

For more information about PTAN please contact the Project Director, Joan Izen at 206-6800 or jizen@seresc.net.

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