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TO: Non-Public Approved Schools
Private Special Education Approved Schools/Programs

FROM: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Bureau of School Approval & Facility Management

Bureau of Special Education

RE: Approval of Schools

The New Hampshire State Department of Education is pleased to announce that there will be a unified school approval process for schools seeking both non-public and special education approval.

As of July 1, 2009, there will be two types of school approval:

- Non-public school approval: a non-public school is a school which has been approved according to Ed 400. Applicants interested in applying for non-public school approval should contact the Bureau of School Approval at 603-271-4125. There is no change to this process.
- Non-public school/private special education school approval: a non-public school/private special education school is a school which has been approved according to Ed 400 and Ed 1100. Applicants may apply for non-public school/private special education school approval by contacting Jane Bergeron-Beaulieu at 603-206-6803. Please note, if you are interested in educating only students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs); you would apply for non-public/private special education school approval. You would designate in your admission criterion that you enroll only students with IEPs, however, you still receive approval for non-public/private special education school approval.

Existing private special education schools that are currently only approved under Ed 1100 will be approved under this new process as their current approval under Ed 1100 expires over the next few years. Private education schools that are currently approved under both Ed 400 and Ed 1100 will be approved under this new system on the earliest date of expiration under Ed 400 or Ed 1100.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Murdough, Bureau of School Approval & Facility Management, 603-271-2037 or Jane Bergeron-Beaulieu, Program Approval Administrator, 603-206-6803.