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Bureau of Special Education FY'09 Memo #52

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To: Superintendents of Schools
Directors of Special Education

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education
Division of Instruction
Bureau of Special Education

RE: Professional Development ~ 2009 - 2010

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education will provide professional development to the field:

When: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 ~ 9:00am-11:00am

Topic: National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS) training for school districts and families

Location: Webinar

Presenter: Mary Lane

Intended Audience: Administrators, General and Special Education Educators, Technology Coordinators, Technology Literacy Instructors and Parents

Description: To help schools and families understand how to provide instructional materials to students who are blind or print disabled. Districts will learn how to participate in the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Center (NIMAC); who qualifies to use NIMAS materials; available resources such as Bookshare and Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, and the kind of instruction that should be provided to students who receive NIMAS-derived materials.

When: Thursday, September 17, 2009 ~ 1:00pm-4:00pm

Topic: Completion of the IDEA Part B and Preschool FY'10 Federal Funds Application

Location: NHDoE, Room 15

Presenter: Mary Lane

Intended Audience: Superintendents, Special Education Administrators, Staff who complete the Federal Funds Application

Description: To understand the complete IDEA Part B and Preschool FY'10 Federal Funds Application, the agenda involves an overview of the application including what's new/what's different, including tidbits & clues for a quicker application process.

When: Thursday, October 22, 2009 ~ 9:00am-12:00pm
Topic: Supporting Parent Involvement towards Increasing Outcomes for Children with Disabilities
Location: NHDoE, Room 15
Presenter: Cheri Sullivan
Intended Audience: All General and Special Education professionals including Case Managers, Therapists, Related Service Providers, and Administrators

Description: We all agree that parents are key members of the IEP Team; the challenge becomes how to engage, inform, and educate parents along the way. Quick tips and research supported approaches to help educators increase their effectiveness by building partnerships with parents towards improved outcomes for children with disabilities.

When: Tuesday, December 8, 2009 ~ 1:00pm-3:00pm
Topic: Section 504 and IDEA: Similarities and Differences
Location: NHDoE, Room 15
Presenter: Robert Wells
Intended Audience: Teachers, Counselors, Education Specialists, Administrators, and School Personnel

Description: This workshop will provide teachers, counselors, education specialists, administrators, and other school personnel with relevant and timely information they can use regarding the *Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504)* and the *Individuals with Disabilities Educational Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA)*. Discussion will focus on the similarities and differences between *Section 504* and the *IDEA*. Topics include: *Eligibility, Section 504 or Special Education?; Implementing Accommodation Plans or IEPs?; Discipline under Section 504 and IDEA; and Implications of recent amendments to the Americas with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the IDEA for Section 504 and special education.*

When: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 ~ 1:00pm-4:00pm
Topic: Special Education for the General Educator
Location: NHDoE, Room 15
Presenter: Santina Thibedeau, Presenter
Intended Audience: General Educators and Administrators

Description: In today's classrooms, general educators have an increasing role in the education of children with disabilities. Learn more about the laws that guide special education, your role and others on the IEP team and resources to support our in the classroom. This session will provide an emphasis on how to maximize your contribution to the IEP team and understand how to implement the IEP in the classroom.

When: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 ~ 1:00pm-4:00pm
Topic: Alternate Dispute Resolutions Understanding the Options
Location: NHDoe, Room 15
Presenter: Terry Brune
Intended Audience: Administrators, General and Special Education Educators and Parents

Description: Determining which Alternative Dispute Resolution Option is Appropriate: Facilitated IEP Meeting, Mediation, Complaint Investigation, Neutral Conference or Due Process Hearing.

When: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 ~ 1:00pm-4:00pm
Topic: Completion of the IDEA Part B and Preschool FY'11 Federal Funds Application
Location: NHDoe, Room 15
Presenter: Mary Lane
Intended Audience: Superintendents, Special Education Administrators, Staff who complete the Federal Funds Application

Description: To understand the complete IDEA Part B and Preschool FY'11 Federal Funds Application. The agenda involves an overview of the application including what's new/what's different, including tidbits & clues for a quicker application process

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This document is also available in alternate format upon request.