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Bureau of Special Education FY'10 Memo #24

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To: Superintendents of Schools
Special Education Director

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Division of Instruction
Bureau of Special Education

Re: Preschool Technical Assistance Network (PTAN)

The NH Department of Education (NHDOE), Bureau of Special Education would like to inform districts that IDEA funds (entitlement and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)) may be allocated to expand the statewide Preschool Technical Assistance Network (PTAN). This network, working closely with the NHDOE, offers professional development and technical assistance designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of preschool special education. Local district contributions combined with the NHDOE funded PTAN project create a rich and responsive network. 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. For more information, go to <http://ptan.seresc.net>.

This memo informs districts of a change in the process to contribute local funds to PTAN. Previously, the NHDOE notified PTAN when a grant included PTAN as an activity. In order to assist PTAN with more timely notification of local contributions, we are asking that districts inform PTAN directly of their intent to dedicate funds to the network. This will allow PTAN to know immediately of your intentions, thus allowing PTAN to plan how to best meet the professional development needs of your district and region. PTAN, in collaboration with the NHDOE, will continue to coordinate these activities with the core work of the network.

As in the past, districts contributing to PTAN through IDEA funds (entitlement or ARRA) will include PTAN on the project description page of the grant application. In addition, districts will notify PTAN directly of the contribution. Notification is a simple process. E-mail your name, phone number, SAU # and district name, the funding source, and the dollar amount to the Project Director, Joan Izen, at jizen@seresc.net or call 206-6800. She will facilitate the billing process through the SERESC Business Office. For districts that have already submitted a request for ARRA funds to support PTAN, please contact Joan with your information as soon as possible as the NHDOE is unable to generate a report with that specific information.