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To: Superintendents
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From: Office of the Commissioner

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RE: Obligation of Grant Funds

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) has received clarification from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) regarding the obligation of grant funds. The clarification is that entitlement funds for both IDEA and Preschool Special Education must remain available to districts for obligation from July 1, the first year, through June 30 and expended by September 30 of the second fiscal year (27 months).

If districts cannot obligate and spend all of these funds by the end of the fiscal year, the district may obligate and spend the remaining funds during a carryover period of one additional fiscal year. The NHDOE is required to return these unexpended funds to the US Department of Education by December 30th of that second year.

Districts may spend the FY'11 entitlement funds for a twelve month period, if a district does not spend the total amount of the funds by June 30, a district may carry over these funds into FY'12. These carry over funds may be requested in the FY'12 entitlement funds application. For the FY'10 entitlement funds, the district may spend these funds from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. If a district does not spend the total amount of the funds by June 30, 2010, a district may carry over the unspent funds into FY'11. The procedure for requesting these carry over funds will be described in the FY'11 entitlement funds application.

Carry over funds include unspent funds as discussed above as well as funds set aside to provide special education support to those students who were parentally placed by their parents in a private school in your school district. When these set aside funds for students who were parentally placed by their parents in a private school are not used, these funds must be carried over into the next fiscal year. This procedure is described in the entitlement funds application.

Should you need additional information, please contact Ralph Tilton: 271-3839.