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Bureau of Special Education FY'10 Memo #32

Date: May 7, 2010

To: Superintendents of Schools
Special Education Directors

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Division of Instruction
Bureau of Special Education

Re: Public Reporting of District Special Education Data (District Data Profiles)
and District Determinations

As required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA), the New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education must report annually to the public on each New Hampshire district's performance on the targets in the State's Performance Plan (SPP). These reports are referred to as Special Education District Data Profiles and are located on the New Hampshire Department of Education website in the special education section.

http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/special_ed/data_profiles.htm

The Bureau of Special Education anticipates publishing the fourth special education district data profiles by May 28, 2010. Profiles compare district performance to the state performance and targets in the Annual Performance Report for FFY 2008 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009).

The Bureau of Special Education is offering an opportunity for Superintendents, Special Education Administrators, or their designees to participate in an information session which will be in the format of a webinar. The purpose of this session will be to provide guidance to local districts on the district data profiles. Each Superintendent and Special Education Director will be sent their district data profile prior to the webinar.

States are also required to make determinations annually on the performance of local school districts on meeting the requirements of IDEA. District determinations will be made after the district data profiles have been published. An overview of the determination requirements and process will be shared at the information session.

For more information, please contact Ruth Littlefield at (603) 271-2178 or rlittlefield@ed.state.nh.us

Public Reporting for IDEA
Special Education District Data Profiles

Information Session: Webinar

Date: Tuesday, May 18th, 2010
Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm
You will receive an e-mail with webinar registration information

Information Session Outcomes

District administrators participating will:

- ❖ Increase or reinforce knowledge and understanding of district data profiles and determinations of performance
- ❖ Be aware of state timelines for public reporting and determinations
- ❖ Be informed of the process for making inquiries regarding specific data
- ❖ Have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions