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To: Superintendents of Schools
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From: Office of the Commissioner

Division of Educational Improvement
Bureau of Special Education

Re: 2017 Federal Quota Census to Promote the Education for the Blind (APH Count)

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE), Bureau of Special Education will be conducting the registration process of the 2017 Federal Quota Census to Promote the Education for the Blind (APH Count). The Federal Act to Promote the Education for the Blind provides adapted educational materials to eligible infants, toddlers, students, and adults who meet the definition of blindness based on this Federal Quota Census. Each State must submit an annual registration of eligible infants, toddlers, students, and adults to determine a per capita amount of money they receive to purchase educational materials produced by the American Printing House for the Blind (APH). Eligible candidates include infants and toddlers who receive early supports and services, students who attend public schools, private schools, charter schools, students who are home schooled, and adults.

The 2017 Federal Quota Census registration process requires that the State Ex-Officio Trustee work with representatives from public and private educational programs and schools and other agencies to complete the registration process. The process begins on Monday, January 2, 2017 and registration documentation must be submitted to the NHDOE by February 17, 2017.

Attached is the 2017 APH Federal Quota Census Registration Packet. This 2017 Federal Quota Census Registration Packet includes the 2017 APH new individual registration form; the APH Assurance Form, a sample of parent/guardian/adult permission form, and instructions.

New Hampshire will be able to purchase adapted educational materials from the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) based on the amount of quota funds through the student count of the Federal Quota Census. Last year New Hampshire students benefited from \$100,000.00 of federal quota funds to purchase Braille, large print materials and educational tools.

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Please return the Federal Quota Census Registration Forms to:

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Enclosure:
2017 Annual Count of Legally Blind Students
for the American Printing House for the Blind Registration Packet