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Bureau of Special Education FY'17 Memo #8

Date: September 26, 2016

To: Superintendents of Schools
Directors of Special Education

From: Office of the Commissioner

Division of Educational Improvement
Bureau of Special Education

Re: New Hampshire Assistive Technology in Education Initiative

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education is pleased to announce the New Hampshire Assistive Technology in Education Initiative; a two-year grant to develop and implement a statewide assistive technology technical assistance (TA) and professional development (PD) system designed to increase the implementation of effective practices to address our New Hampshire students' assistive technology needs in education.

To accomplish this goal, the New Hampshire Assistive Technology in Education Initiative will be a knowledge-development, information dissemination and technical assistance project whose activities and actions are designed to:

- 1) identify, expand and disseminate capacity-building knowledge about assistive technology devices and services;
- 2) increase the motivation and skills of NH families and educators to select, acquire and use assistive technologies; and
- 3) to improve and enhance the organizational, material and structural capacities of New Hampshire education agencies so that they effectively engage in high quality assistive technology decision-making at the systemic, as well as the student level. The overall goal established pertains to improvements in the effective selection, acquisition and use of assistive technologies to increase the preparation, participation, achievement and outcomes of New Hampshire students with disabilities.

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Please join us for an interest meeting that will be virtually held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2pm-3pm.
To log in:

- Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/8354544259>
- Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +1 646 558 8656,8354544259# or +1 408 638 0968,8354544259
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If you are an interested District in becoming part of this initiative, please complete the online application found at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3036339/NH-AT-QIAT-Application>

For more information about the New Hampshire Assistive Technology Initiative, please contact Mary Lane at Mary.Lane@doe.nh.gov / (603) 271-3740.

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