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To: Superintendents of Schools
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From: Office of the Commissioner of Education
Division of Educational Improvement
Bureau of Special Education

RE: 2015 Federal Quota Census to Promote the Education of the Blind (APH Count)

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education will be conducting the registration process of the 2015 Federal Quota Census to Promote the Education of the Blind (APH Count). The Federal Act to Promote the Education of the Blind provides adapted educational materials to eligible students who meet the definition of blindness based on this Federal Quota Census. Each State must submit an annual registration of eligible students 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 students include students who attend public schools, private schools, charter schools and students who are home schooled.

The 2015 Federal Quota Census registration process requires that the State Ex Officio Trustee work with representatives from public and private educational programs and schools to complete the registration process. The process begins on Monday, January 5, 2015 and must be completed by Friday, February 13, 2015. Attached is your 2015 APH Federal Quota Census Registration Packet. This 2015 Federal Quota Census registration packet includes the 2015 APH Student Registration Form, the 2015 APH Assurance Form, the 2015 Preliminary Student Registration Form, a sample of a parent permission form, and instructions.

New Hampshire will be able to purchase adapted educational materials from the American Printing House for the Blind based on the amount of credit through the student count of the 2015 Federal Quota Census. Last year New Hampshire students benefited from over \$80,000.00 of federal credit used to purchase Braille and large print materials and educational tools.

Please return the completed 2015 Federal Quota Census Registration Forms to:

Mary Lane, NH Ex Officio Trustee of APH Count
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If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lane: (603)271-3740 / Mary.Lane@doe.nh.gov

Enclosure:
2015 Annual Count of Legally Blind Students
for the American Printing House for the Blind Registration Packet