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To: Superintendents of Schools
Directors of Special Education

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Office of Legislation and Hearings

Division of Instruction
Bureau of Special Education

Re: Disproportionate Bullying of Students with Disabilities

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE), Bureau of Special Education and Office of Legislation and Hearings, is providing the attached letter and guidance document made available from the U.S. Department of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) regarding the disproportionate bullying of students with disabilities. The NHDOE hopes that this will assist New Hampshire school districts with addressing bullying in their schools, and in particular the bullying of students with disabilities.

If you have any questions regarding school district response to bullying matters, please contact Stephen Berwick, *Coordinator: Dispute Resolution and Constituent Complaints* at (603) 271-2299. Additionally, information on Bullying and Cyber Bullying resources is available at http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/integrated/title_iv_cyber_bully.htm.

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Attachments:

- 1) OSERS Bullying Letter
- 2) Guidance Document: *Effective Evidence-based Practices for Preventing and Addressing Bullying*