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Bureau of Student Support FY'20 Memo #35

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To: Superintendents of Schools
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From: Office of the Commissioner
Division of Learner Support
Bureau of Student Support

Re: Required documents for the FY'21 IDEA and Preschool Grants

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE), Bureau of Student Support is providing the Maintenance of Effort (MOE), Excess Costs and Parentally Placed documents to be filled out. Please complete these forms and submit with your FY' 21 IDEA/Preschool grants. Verify the most recent version for the MOE (v.1.4 Extended) is the one being completed and attached.

The NHDOE is required by federal regulations to ensure that all local education agencies (LEAs) are in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (34 CFR 300.202 and 300.302) relative to the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and Excess Cost calculations. When a district meets the MOE this means that over time, from year to year, an LEA has not shown a reduction in the fiscal effort to support students with disabilities. This ensures that the federal IDEA funds are supplementing, not supplanting, local fiscal effort.

The Excess Cost requirement is intended to prevent an LEA from using funds provided under IDEA to pay for all of the costs attributable to the education of a child with a disability. For your FY'21 grant, this is to be completed using the 18-19 school year amounts.

Children With Disabilities Enrolled by Their Parents in Private Schools 34 CFR 300.133(3)(c) expenditures form; this is a required form for all LEAs to indicate if there are non-profit, private (approved nonpublic) schools within the LEA. For districts who have non-profit private schools, please remember you must calculate the proportional share of IDEA funds for these students.

If you have any questions, please contact: Lisa Moody lisa.moody@doe.nh.gov / 271-3738.