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WAIVER OF ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION OF HOME EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Consistent with Emergency Order #38, issued pursuant Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05; 2020-08; and 2020-09, the Commissioner of Education hereby waives the annual educational evaluation requirement for Home Education Programs as set forth in RSA 193-A:6, II for the 2019-2020 school year.

In granting this waiver, the Commissioner finds that the state of emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has created unique hardships for Home Education Programs in complying with the evaluation requirements of RSA 193-A:6, II. The cancellation of state-wide testing makes many of the approved evaluation mechanisms entirely unavailable, and there are significant logistical complexities necessitated by the pandemic in coordinating with would-be evaluators, making alternative evaluation mechanisms effectively unavailable.

In lieu of a copy of the evaluation as contemplated by RSA 193-A:6, III, parents are directed to maintain a copy of this waiver with their Home Education Program portfolio for school year 2019-2020. Any Home Education Program that has already completed the evaluation requirements for RSA 193-A:6, II as of the date of this waiver should maintain a copy of such evaluation.

Signed this First Day of June, 2020

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