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To: Superintendents of Schools
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From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Division of Learner Support
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RE: Relative to Change to the New Hampshire Standards

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Student Support is issuing guidance regarding changes made to the New Hampshire Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities. The changes are as follows:

Special Education Aid

Section Ed 1128 of the NH Standards called "Special Education Catastrophic Aid" was readopted, in June, with an amendment pursuant to HB 517 which requires that the term "catastrophic aid" be replaced with the term "special education aid" in all areas of the NH Standards in which the term "catastrophic aid" appears.

Definitions

Sections Ed 1102.01, Ed 1102.03 and Ed 1113.12 were readopted, in August, with amendment, pursuant to changes in the Every Student Succeeds Act. These changes remove definitions and requirements pertaining to "highly qualified teachers (HQT)" and "core academic subjects."

The Bureau is encouraging districts to review and revise their special education policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the NH Standards.

For questions regarding this memo, please contact Elizabeth Graichen at 271-4982 or Elizabeth.Graichen@doe.nh.gov.

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