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DATE

SUPERINTENDENTNAME, Superintendent SCHOOLDISTRICTNAME School District ADDRESS TOWN, STATE, ZIP

Dear Superintendent SUPTLASTNAME:

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education Support (Bureau) is issuing the FFY 2021 Local Education Agency (LEA) determination letters for each school district. The determinations, required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004, are part of the ongoing efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 300.600(a)(2), the Bureau is required to determine if districts meet the requirements and purposes of IDEA and other state focused areas of need. The rubric criteria may change from year to year based on the federal requirements and State data.

School district determinations are made using the same four categories that the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) used when making the determination of States. The four categories of determination based on the rubric criterion are:

- Meets the requirements and purposes of the IDEA;
- Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of the IDEA;
- Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of the IDEA; or
- Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of the IDEA or substantial failure to comply with the requirements of IDEA.

There are specific technical assistance or supports, consistent with the level of need signaled by the determination, for any district that does not meet the requirements of the IDEA.

In making our determination for each district, the Bureau considers the totality of the information we have about each district as outlined on the attached LEA Determination Rubric for your district. Each results section percentage score is determined by the percent of points received by the district in that particular section and the overall LEA Determination is established by the combination of results sections

The Bureau has reviewed the information and determined that the SCHOOLDISTRICTNAME School District Needs Substantial Intervention based on the established criteria. The Bureau will guide the district leadership team through a root cause analysis based on the area(s) of need as determined by the risk rubric. District and Bureau staff will create a plan to include activities and a time line for plan completion to address identified needs. The bureau will provide technical assistance and/or training in the areas that district identifies in their plan. The Bureau and district will establish regular meeting dates with the leadership team to address the completion of activities.

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If you have any questions, about the LEA Determinations, please contact Elizabeth Graichen at (603) 271-4982 or Elizabeth.J.Graichen@doe.nh.gov.

The Bureau would like to provide an initial orientation meeting with your district's leadership on the date and time listed below at your district to begin the work described above:

DAY, DATE, TIME - TIME

If the above date and time will not work for your district please contact your bureau team member XXXXXX XXXXX at (603) 271-XXXX or by email at XXXXXX@doe.nh.gov right to try to reschedule this initial meeting.

The Bureau is committed to supporting school district's efforts to improve results for children with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Fredette

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Administrator, Bureau of Special Education Support State Director of Special Education

cc: SPEDDIRECTORNAME, TITLE ADDITIONAL SPEDDIRECTOR, TITLE

Enclosures:

LEA Determination Rubric