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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 on-going 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 **Needs Intervention** based on the established criteria.

The Bureau will support the district leadership team with completing a root cause analysis on an identified area(s) of need as determined by the LEA Determination Rubric. The district will develop a plan on how to address the area of need identified through the root cause analysis. The bureau will provide technical assistance and/or training for all areas that district identifies in their plan. Districts will be required to provide periodic progress reports to the bureau over the next year.



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The Bureau would like to provide NI districts with an orientation meeting for districts' leadership on Determination process and to answer questions. Please have your district leadership register for one of the zoom orientation meeting dates and times offered below:

Date and Time	Registration Link for Orientation Meeting Below:
DAY, DATE, YEAR TIME	LINK HERE

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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Enclosures: LEA Determination Rubric