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To: Superintendents of Schools, Administrators of Special Education, Nonpublic Schools, Charter Schools, Family Centered Early Supports and Services, Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI), NH Association of the Blind, Adult Services, Vocational Rehabilitation

From: Bureau of Student Support
Division of Learner Support

RE: 2021 Federal Quota Census to Promote the Education of the Blind (APH Count)

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Student Support will be conducting the registration process for the 2021 Federal Quota Census to Promote the Education of the Blind (APH Count).

The Federal Act to Promote the Education of the Blind provides adapted educational materials to eligible infants, toddlers, students, and adults who meet the definition of blindness based on the Federal Quota Census. Each State must submit an annual registration of eligible infants, toddlers, students, and adults to the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) to determine a per capita amount of money to purchase educational materials produced by the American Printing House for the Blind (APH). Eligible candidates include infants and toddlers who receive early supports and services; students who attend public schools, private schools, and charter schools; students who are home-schooled and adults.

The 2021 Federal Quota Census registration process requires that State Ex-Officio Trustees work with representatives from public and private educational programs and schools and other agencies to complete the registration process. The registration process begins on Monday, January 4, 2021 and is to be complete by Friday, February 19, 2021. Attached is the 2021 Federal Quota Census Registration Packet, which includes the 2021 APH New Individual Registration Form, the APH Assurance Form, a sample of a parent/guardian/adult permission forms, and instructions. Consent to release personally identifiable information (PII) for quota registration purposes must be secured as required by FERPA and IDEA. Registration documentation must be sent via U.S. Mail, do not return by fax or e-mail.

New Hampshire will be able to purchase adapted educational materials from the American Printing House for the Blind based on the amount of credit through the student count of the Federal Quota Census. Last year New Hampshire registered 313 students at a per capita rate of \$389.39 per student. New Hampshire benefited from approximately \$121,879.07 in federal quota funds to purchase Braille, large print materials and educational tools.

Please mail the completed Federal Quota Census Registration forms to:

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