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To: Superintendents of Schools
Administrators of Special Education
Preschool Coordinators

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education
Division of Learner Support
Bureau of Special Education Support

RE: January 25, 2024 Preschool Outcome Measurement Tools

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) and The Bureau of Special Education Support (Bureau) is writing to inform districts of a change in the permitted tool for Indicator 7, Preschool Outcomes Measures. Beginning July 1, 2024, the Bureau will offer only the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) as a reporting tool.

Previously, three tools have been offered: APESi, Teaching Strategies Gold and DRDP. Stakeholder meetings were held in December 2023 with representation of Preschool Coordinators, Teachers, Special Education Directors, and the Parent Information Center to gather feedback when making this determination. The Bureau is moving toward the one reporting tool model to ensure the accuracy and validity of data submissions. All data from Teaching Strategies Gold or APESi must be submitted to the state prior to June 30, 2023.

A certified trainer will be made available to offer training and technical assistance with the implementation of the DRDP. The Bureau will be funding the DRDP for special education students. The DRDP is a tool that can be used to track progress for students both with and without disabilities; however, for indicator 7 purposes, the state is only requiring reporting on identified students. The DRDP is a strengths-based assessment and focusses on the growth of students. The tool can be used for students up to third grade.

With the switch to a new tool, trainings will be offered a minimum of monthly. Districts will be required to take the DRDP Virtual training as well as the DRDP Online training. The DRDP Virtual training will teach you about the assessment and how to complete it; the DRDP Online training will teach you how to use the online data entry system. The DRDP virtual training will be offered in two parts, and the DRDP Online is a

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stand-alone training with a capacity of 30 attendants at a time. If districts are interested in hosting an in-person training for the DRDP, please reach out to Alexa Simmons, Preschool Education Consultant at (603) 271-271-4680, Alexa.J.Simmons@doe.nh.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Alexa Simmons at Alexa.J.Simmons@doe.nh.gov or 603-271-4680.