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To: Superintendent of Schools

Administrators of Special Education

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Division of Learner Support

Bureau of Special Education Support

RE: Updated Feature – New Hampshire Special Education Information System (NHSEIS) – addition of Supported Decision Making

In an effort to continually improve the New Hampshire Special Education Information System (NHSEIS) the Bureau of Special Education Support (Bureau) has added new features to NHSEIS. To keep the districts aware of these enhancements, the Bureau is attaching a document with details and screen shots. New features are released after input from a variety of groups: NHSEIS Stakeholder group, users in NHSEIS and others. NHSEIS user input and suggestions are often received during NHSEIS trainings provided by the Bureau of Special Education Support.

This software release, will begin on Friday, March 8, 2024 includes:

Updated the transfer of parental rights notification section of the NHSEIS IEP signature page, to include sharing options for guardianship and supported decision making. In accordance with Senate Bill 134 and pursuant with RSA 186-C:3c, when adult guardianship is being discussed by the IEP team with a student or the student's family that the IEP team has informed the student and family of the availability of supported decision making, in accordance with RSA 464-D as an alternative to guardianship.

Please see Bureau of Special Education Support FY'22 Memo # 20 Supported Decision Making on our website at Memorandums, General | Department of Education (nh.gov) for the supported decision making fact sheet, resources, and sample supported decision making form.

Please refer to attached screenshots for further clarification and explanation for this updated NHSEIS feature that will be released.

If you would like further clarification or have questions, please contact Amy Garceau at 603-271-3842 or Amy.L.Garceau@doe.nh.gov.