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## CONVERSION OF TEACHING POSITIONS TO DOLLARS FOR INTERNATIONAL FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Attached you will find the 2016-2017 International Faculty Exchange (IFE) Request to Convert Teacher Positions to Dollar Allotment form that should be completed by those LEAs desiring to contract with foreign teachers through state-approved teacher exchange programs. For this purpose only, teaching positions may be converted to dollars to be deposited into PRC 020 in the amount of \$62,368 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Please note that you should not submit positions for conversion for special education teachers who are being paid with funds for Exceptional Children, for ESL teachers being paid with the state limited English proficiency allotment, or for any teachers being paid from federal or local monies.

The Appropriations Bill, SL 2016-94 Section 8.16, modified the allowable uses for the conversion dollars to costs associated with supporting IFE teachers within the local education agency:

- salaries and State approved bonuses
- programming and related activities
- background checks
- medical coverage
- Other program administration services in accordance with federal regulations

The Division of School has reflected this new provision in the NC Public School Chart of Accounts. Please carefully review the revised chart of accounts because you might not be able to utilize the funds for the same activities you funded in previous years.

Please return your form to Helga Fasciano, Special Assistant for Global Education, for review and approval. Signed forms may be sent one of two ways: emailed to <a href="mailto:helga.fasciano@dpi.nc.gov">helga.fasciano@dpi.nc.gov</a> or faxed to 919-807-3826

Questions regarding international faculty exchange programs or this conversion process may be directed to Ms. Fasciano at helga.fasciano@dpi.nc.gov or phone, 919-807-3864.

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