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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs

Lead Administrators, Charter Schools

FROM: William J. Hussey, Director work

Exceptional Children Division

SUBJECT: Initial Allotments for IDEA Part B 611 funding (PRC 060)

The initial allotments for PRC 060 were allotted on Tuesday, December 6th and the Exceptional Children Division has received several calls and e-mails from LEAs that have received a smaller allotment than in the planning allotment. After discussion with Finance and Business Services, Allotment Section, it appears that the reason for the decrease in the initial allotment is due to the adjustment that must be made every year for new and expanding charter schools. Even though there were more federal funds available to go out to LEAs this year, the funds had to go to more schools with children with disabilities. Each LEA's IDEA federal funding formula involves two calculations; the base payment, which is equal to a proportionate share of 75% of the FY 1999-2000 IDEA Title VI B grant as calculated using the December 1, 1998 child count, and funds remaining after base, which is based on each LEAs ADM including private schools (85%) and December 2015 free lunch count (15%).

The federal government requires LEAs and SEAs to submit December 1 child count annually; however, unlike state exceptional children funds that are based on the most current April 1 child count, PRC 060 allotments are not based on the most current December 1 child count as shown by the federal funding formula outlined above. If LEAs require a more specific breakdown on how their federal PRC 060 funds were calculated, please contact Finance and Business, Allotment Section, Shante Morgan shante.morgan@dpi.nc.gov or Lydia Prude or Lydia.Prude@dpi.nc.gov.

IDEA Title VI-B Handicapped (PRC 060)

<u>Base Payment</u> - Each LEA shall receive a base amount equal to a proportional share of 75% of the FY 1999-00 IDEA Title VI-B grant as calculated using the December 1998 head count.

<u>Funds Remaining After Base</u> - Eighty-five percent (85%) is distributed based on ADM, including private schools and 15% distributed based on December 2014 free lunch count

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