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**TO** Directors, Exceptional Children Programs  
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**SUBJECT TITLE: Changes to the IDEA Part B 619 Grant**

Based on an Office of Special Education Program (OSEP) review of North Carolina's Table 8 data in Fall 2016, North Carolina will be making changes in the IDEA Part B 619 Grant, formerly referred to as the 619 Preschool Grant for students with disabilities ages 3- PreK 5. All LEAs that have 5-year old students with disabilities in Kindergarten (students not yet 6 on December 1 Child Count) will have the opportunity to complete the IDEA Part B 619 grant application.

In the past, since Charter Schools did not have preschool programs, they did not complete the 619 Grant. Recent clarification from OSEP has given guidance that IDEA Part B 619 funds are to be made available to all students with disabilities 3-5 years old and not just for 3- PreK 5. Charter Schools will now have the opportunity, if they choose, to complete the 619 grant application as well as the 611 grant. The IDEA Part B 611 grant application has always been available to all LEAs and 611 funds support students with disabilities ages 3 through 21 years old.

After the Exceptional Children Division March Institute, there will be a Post Institute entitled; Timely and Accurate IDEA EC Grant Submission, on March 9, 2017, from 9:00-4:00, at the Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC. LEAs, especially Charter Schools, who are not familiar with the IDEA Part B 619 Grant are encouraged to attend. Registration information can be found in the EC Division March Institute memo dated 1/10/2017.

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