**Memorandum**

**TO:** Directors, Exceptional Children Programs

 Lead Administrators, Charter Schools

**FROM:** Sherry H. Thomas, Interim Director

 Exceptional Children Division

**DATE:** December 20, 2018

**RE:** Professional Learning Session *(2 dates)*

Evaluation of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

**Session Description:**

As a complex neurodevelopmental disorder, the underlying characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their unique presentation in each individual are critical considerations when planning a comprehensive evaluation. In addition to gathering information regarding the unique underlying characteristics of ASD for the individual student, quality evaluation of students with ASD requires gathering and synthesizing multiple sources of relevant data.

This professional learning opportunity will present an approach to designing evaluation plans which sufficiently address the collection and synthesis of multiple sources of relevant data for the areas under investigation. Additionally, data analysis will address both eligibility and instructional planning.

**Session dates and locations:**

January 25, 2019 Health Sciences Center, 51 Red Mulberry Way, Lillington NC

9:00am-4:00pm

February 11, 2019 West Concord Resource Center, Olive Hill Room 509 W. Concord Street 9:00am-4:00pm Morganton, NC 28655

**Registration Link:** <https://bit.ly/2PPUcqJ>

*If requirements are met, participation in this professional learning results in .6 CEUs*

Questions about this professional learning should be directed to:

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