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NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARENT FORUM – PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

The Exceptional Children Division (ECD) is pleased to provide parents an opportunity to hear clarification and details on the proposed policy changes regarding practices in the evaluation and identification of Autism Spectrum Disorder. The public forums will take place in a central location in each of the eight regions of the state. The forums will provide parents the opportunity to ask questions regarding these changes. These forums are in addition to the previously held public comment period and will be focused on explaining the recommended policy changes. Upon completion of the last public forum, a voice-over PowerPoint will be available on the ECD website.

Interested parents and stakeholders are invited to attend. The forums will be held June 20 through July 25, 2019, from 5:30 -7:30 pm. Specific dates and locations can be found below.

For additional information, please contact Nina Adams at nina.adams@dpi.nc.gov or 919-807-4199.

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Location	Location
Region 1 (Northeast) Date: June 20, 2019 ETC MC Training Room 820 N. Bridge St. Washington, NC 27889 Parking at the rear of the building off Pierce St.	Region 2 (Southeast) Date: July 2, 2019 Thompson Early Childhood Center 400 College Street Jacksonville, NC
Region 3(Sandhills) Date: June 25, 2019 JW Turlington High School 116 W. Prospect Ave. Raeford, NC 28376	Region 4 (North Central) Date: July 15, 2019 Butner-Stem Middle School 501 E. D St Butner, NC 27509
Region 5 (Piedmont-Triad) Date: July 16, 2019 Guilford County Board Room 712 N. Eugene St. Greensboro, NC	Region 6 (Southwest) Date: July 9, 2019 Gaston County Linda Rader Center 236 8 th Avenue Cramerton, NC 28032
Region 7 (Northwest) Date: July 11, 2019 Watauga High School 300 Go Pioneers Dr Boone, NC 28607	Region 8 (Western) Date: June 20, 2019 Smoky Mountain High School 100 Smoky Mountain Drive Sylva, NC 28779