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TO: Exceptional Children Directors/Preschool Coordinators Public School Units

FROM: Sherry H. Thomas, Director ~~X~~
Sherri Vernelson, Section Chief, Sensory Support and Assistive Technology ^N

RE: The North Carolina Early Learning Sensory Support Program 2019-2020
Assurances and Request for Services Documents

The North Carolina Early Learning Sensory Support Program (ELSSP) is now administered by the Exceptional Children Division. The purpose of this memo is to provide Public School Units with the 2019-2020 Assurances and Request for Services for the North Carolina Early Learning Sensory Support Program.

Statewide, children served by the ELSSP are birth through two years of age, have a vision loss, hearing loss, or combined vision and hearing loss, and are enrolled in the NC Infant Toddler Program, Part C of IDEA. Currently the program implements Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs) for 800 families. When capacity is available, and in locations that do not have qualified staff and are in primarily rural areas, the ELSSP may serve children with hearing or vision impairments ages three to five under IDEA Part B.

The attached forms are required if a Public School Unit desires to make a request for the ELSSP to provide specially designed instruction for a student age three to five with a vision or hearing loss. The request will be reviewed and within 14 days a response will be provided to the Public School Unit.

For questions or additional information, please contact the appropriate program administrator:

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