**TO:** Superintendents

 Exceptional Children Directors/Coordinators

 Lead Administrators

 Public School Units (PSU)

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

 Exceptional Children Division

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**SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT FUNDS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Applications and supporting documents for Special Project Grant Funds for students with disabilities are now available for FY2019-20 on the Exceptional Children (EC) Division webpage. Select the Finance and Grants tab, and then select Applications to access each grant’s application, manual and other grant specific forms.

There are six Special Project Grant applications available to assist Public School Units (PSU) with meeting the needs of students with disabilities:

Special State Reserve Community Residential Center

Risk Pool Program Developmental Day Center

Out-of-District Group/Foster Home

Each student specific grant has distinct funding parameters and is accessed through an application process. New this year, applications and other reporting forms are submitted via an on-line form. Some supporting documents for application processing will be sent via email to the EC Division, while other documents are to be attached to an application. Instructions within each grant’s manual will guide the PSU with grant parameters and the application process. The streamlined applications will support the EC Division, Special Programs and Data Section’s efforts to process Special Project Grants in a timely manner. We appreciate your patience as we strive to improve our processes and increase our level of support and guidance to all PSUs.

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