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MEMORANDUM

To: EC Directors and EC Coordinators

From: Sherry H. Thomas, Director *SHT*

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Parent Engagement – Third Cohort

The Exceptional Children Division, in an effort to support the Local Education Agency Self-Assessment (LEA-SA) process, would like to establish a variety of technical assistance opportunities focusing on Core Element Six - Communication and Collaboration, specifically the strategy “LEA facilitates meaningful parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities.”

This opportunity is a continuation of past efforts and will be the third cohort established. LEAs that participated previously do not need to repeat participation – other mechanisms have been established and will be reinstated to support ongoing efforts of previous participants.

The Parent Engagement Cohort will support LEAs in the implementation of increasing family engagement to include:

- Assisting in the development of parent advisory councils;
- Replicating the parent liaison role at the local level;
- Establishing a statewide network of parent liaisons and parent advisory councils; and
- Providing technical assistance through customized training opportunities.

The Cohort provides opportunities to develop knowledge and skills in family engagement over a one-year training cycle beginning in July 2020 through May 2021. Each LEA will decide which resources they would like to establish to support families. The training will include a hybrid of face-to-face and webinar sessions totaling 16 hours. Participants are expected to attend all sessions in order to receive CEUs for completion. Space is limited, so please complete the application by following the link below. The deadline for submission is **March 13, 2020**.

<https://tinyurl.com/vap39jd>

We look forward to these collaborative opportunities. If you have questions about the Cohort or the application process, please contact Alexis Utz, alexis.utz@dpi.nc.gov.

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