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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
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FLEXIBILITY WITH PRC 029 FUNDING BUDGETS

NC Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities indicates PRC 029 is a special budget provision in the 1999 Appropriation Act modified the use of these state dollars to allow expenditure of funds to provide services to "(i) children with special needs who were identified as members of the Willie M class at the time of dissolution of the class, and (ii) other children with special needs." This provision provides the flexibility to use these funds for services for children with disabilities who have significant behavioral and emotional needs in public schools.

Given the ongoing fiscal challenges for Public Schools Units (PSUs) associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Exceptional Children Division (ECD) is providing flexibility with budget needs that were previously identified for the PRC 029 funding.

PSUs may make adjustments in their PRC 029 current budgets, in the support of students with behavior needs, provided the adjustment is included as an allowable expense in the Chart of Accounts for PRC 029; please refer to the allowable spending codes [located here](#). The ECD is not requiring an updated plan to the initial PRC 029 grant submission, but any spending adjustments will need to be made as an amendment to the current budget. Please complete the [prioritization form](#) to make amendments to the current grant. These are state funds and must be utilized by June 30, 2021. Therefore, any adjustments to the current budget must be completed by **04/30/2021**.

It is critically important that PSUs focus on serving students and programming during this challenging time. The ECD hopes this flexibility from the submitted plan will allow PSUs to use these funds to better support the behavior needs in their district.

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