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TO: Directors, Exceptional Children
Lead Coordinators, Charter Schools
Directors, Residential Schools for the Deaf and Blind
Directors, State Operated Programs

FROM: William J. Hussey, Director *WJH*
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SUBJECT: Serving Students with Cortical/Cerebral Vision Impairment

The purpose of this memo and attached guidance document is to provide Exceptional Children Directors and IEP teams with non-biased information regarding students who have a neurological visual impairment, which includes Cortical/Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI).

Questions and concerns have been received by the Exceptional Children Division recently in light of increased attention to CVI in the state and across the nation. The guidance document is a step to provide initial guidance and support. Exceptional Children Division Consultants for Vision Impairment and the Consultant for Deaf-blind will stay abreast of information and issues, updating the field as necessary using one or more of the following platforms:

- Exceptional Children Division Listservs
- Vision Impairment Wikispace
- Quarterly Regional Meetings
- Director's Advisory Council

Questions related to students with CVI may be directed to the Consultants for Visual Impairment, Amy Campbell, amy.campbell@dpi.nc.gov, and Crystal Patrick, crystal.patrick@dpi.nc.gov; and/or the Consultant for Deaf-blind, Dottie Snyder, dorothy.snyder@dpi.nc.gov.

Additionally, the Consultants will work to provide balanced training opportunities for North Carolina professionals as well as provide information where outside training opportunities may be accessed.

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Attachment

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