Special Education Module

ECATS Progress Monitoring Tool
As we review and revise our user experience with ECATS, we have undertaken efforts to automate short-term objectives/benchmarks to populate the steps in the progress monitoring tool. We have a tentative target date of Fall of 2022 for this functionality in the system. More information, including a Tip Sheet and/or TA video, will be provided once the target date has been confirmed. For PSUs that have adopted the practice of using objectives/benchmarks for IEPs beyond the students served via the adapted curriculum, this functionality is expected to streamline use of the progress monitoring tool to reduce the manual entry of “steps”.

Note: This message is a repeat of the June 1, 2022, Director’s Weekly Message.

Indicator 12
Indicator 12 captures data on students who received Part C services and were referred to Part B during the July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 reporting period. All students must have an IEP developed within 90 days of the referral and receive services by their 3rd birthday. Indicator 12 must be submitted via spreadsheets by all Traditional Public School Units and can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the memo attached. The spreadsheet has a tab with helpful clarifications to assist PSUs on entering their data and can be submitted at any time prior to the due date of October 31, 2022. Charter Schools and State Operated Programs do not need to submit an Indicator 12 spreadsheet this year. Please email all completed Indicator 12 spreadsheets to ecindicators@dpi.nc.gov. See the memorandum for more information. (ATTACHED)

ECATS Data Manager Contact Directory
Please click the following link to access the ECATS Data Manager Contact Directory: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tQFdbqV1kqhMXN9PiGR38jrYbvR8UuZ/edit?rtpof=true
Be sure to review and update the ECATS Data Manager who serves as the point of contact for your LEA/Charter School/State Operated Program. Thank you for your attention to this.

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