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To: Federal Program Directors of School Districts in North Carolina

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Subject: **Carryover of Proportionate Share Funds for Equitable Services**

Overview

As described in the FPMS memo [Public Control of Proportionate Share Funds for Equitable Services](#), a school district must make every effort to use the funds during the current academic year and according to plans made in consultation with the private schools. Funds that are not spent during that time are to carry over and remain available for equitable services during the next year. The purpose of this memo is to clarify management of carryover funds.

Carryover of Proportionate Share Funds

If funds intended for use at a private school are not needed there during the current academic year, the district may, after consulting with the private school, use the funds at other participating private schools according to identified needs and in addition to funds already scheduled for use at those schools. If the funds are not needed for other schools, they must be carried over as proportionate share for use in providing equitable services during the next academic year.

Any such carryover may be made available for use at the specific school where they were originally intended if the district determines this to be the most appropriate use. Such would likely be the case unless the district determines, in consultation with the private school, that the carryover was caused by a lack of need or by a lack of cooperation from the school. If the carryover funds will not be spent at the originally targeted school, they will be added to the calculated proportionate share and used across all participating private schools, as the district sees fit. Carryover dollars cannot be used to reduce or offset the calculated proportionate share for a given year and are considered the first dollars spent, followed by the newer proportionate share dollars. If no private schools are participating during a year when carryover funds are available, those funds may be used to provide services for the public schools, in accordance with approved district plans.

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