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TO: Select Directors and Charter School Administrators

FROM: Sherry H. Thomas 

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Indicator 8 of the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) measures the percentage of parents who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities. Each year, parents in the five largest local educational agencies (LEAs) and select LEAs across the state are surveyed. Statewide results will be reported in the APR and LEA results will be reported in LEA performance reports. Reports are located at <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/every-child-accountability-tracking-system-ecats/lea-annual-performance-reports>.

Attached are letters (in English and Spanish) to parents/guardians of school-age students and preschool students. Due to the positive response last year, we would like for you to distribute the letters electronically to all parents/guardians of children who were on your December 1, 2021, Child Count. If you prefer, you may print the letters for dissemination.

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) not only reviews the percentage of parents reporting that schools facilitated their involvement, but also compares the distribution of surveys with the return rate. Please stress the importance of completing the surveys to all schools and parents.

We understand that some students with disabilities will have matriculated to another school, moved away from your LEA, graduated, dropped out, or are no longer eligible for special education services. Therefore, please distribute to the parents/guardians of children who were on your December 1, 2021, Child Count, unless a child has passed away. Please disseminate the information as soon as possible and emphasize the importance of parents completing the survey by July 1, 2022.

The EC Division as well as the Stakeholder and Family Engagement Group would like to invite all districts in the 2021-22 Indicator 8 sample to participate in a training and information webinar on Indicator 8. The goal of this training is to increase the response rate and engagement of parents of students with disabilities. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, March 30th at 10:00 AM. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the EC Division website for those who cannot attend. To register for the webinar, click this [link](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Kelley Blas at kelley.blas@dpi.nc.gov or (984) 236-2595.

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