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## Monday Message

December 19, 2022

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### Special Education Module

*Note: This message is a repeat of the December 14, 2022 Director's Weekly Message.*

#### **December Child Count**

The December Child Count captures federal reporting data on students receiving special education as of December 1, 2022. The December Child Count certification window opened on December 1st and must be certified by close of business on December 20th. **There will be no extensions to the December 20th due date.** It is expected for the EC Director to certify the December Child Count by the due date. The integrity of the data is always at risk when the Department of Public Instruction must finalize the data for any PSU. So, it is imperative that the EC Director reviews and certifies the December Child Count data on time. If someone other than the EC Director certifies the December Child Count in ECATS, the Child Count Verification form must be completed and submitted to Khalilah O'Farrow-Boulware at [Khalilah.ofarrow@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Khalilah.ofarrow@dpi.nc.gov). The December 2022 Child Count Verification Form is accessible from the ECATS Main Menu > Resources section > Federal Reporting tab.

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#### **Important Federal Reporting Reminder: Submission Timeliness**

If your district does not certify the data required for Indicators by the due date, your data may be certified by state staff. The integrity of the data is always at risk when the Department of Public Instruction must finalize the data for your district.

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