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MEMORANDUM

TO: District ESE Directors and Project Contacts for Participating Agencies

FROM: Shan Goff, Chief
Bureau of Instructional Support and Community Services

SUBJECT: Supplemental Funds for Fiscal Year 2002-03 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B, Preschool Grants for Students with Disabilities Ages 3-5

We are pleased to inform you that a total of $8,648,160.00 in supplemental IDEA, Part B Preschool funds will be distributed to districts statewide for FY 2003. Allocations will be made using a formula with 85% of the funds ($7,350,937.00) distributed based upon current membership data (total number of public and private school students) and the remaining 15% ($1,297,223.00) distributed based on free and reduced lunch data. Enclosed is a preliminary allocation distribution chart identifying estimated supplemental amounts to facilitate planning and budgeting for the use of these funds.

Official notification of the supplemental amounts will be issued when roll forward certifications for FY 02 are issued by the Department's Comptroller. Notification of roll forward certification typically occurs in early to mid-January. At that time districts will be required to submit project amendments for these supplemental funds and any FY 02 roll forward funds that were not estimated in your initial project application for FY 03. During the roll forward amendment process, districts/agencies will be required to submit a plan that addresses "priority areas for students with disabilities ages 3-5." These "priority areas" may be unique to your district or may be identified as one or more of the following areas of priority as determined by Florida's State Improvement Plan under IDEA regulations: assessment, inclusion, transition, and program evaluation.

As you develop your plan for using these funds, please remember that these supplemental funds will be awarded as part of the FY 03 funds. This means that any unexpended FY 03 funds as of June 30, 2003, will roll forward for use during the next fiscal year and must be expended by June 30, 2004.

If you need assistance or have any questions about this process, please feel free to call Virginia Sasser at 850/488-1216 or e-mail to virginia.sasser@fldoe.org for more information.

SG/vs

Enclosure

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