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TO: Directors, Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

FROM: Katherine P. Attwood, Director Katherine P attwood

Office of Fiscal Policy & Planning

SUBJECT: 2006-2007 - Annual Fiscal and Program Information for Private Schools for Students

with Disabilities

In accordance with N.J.A.C 6A:23-4.14, annually each private school for students with disabilities shall submit Fiscal and Program Information to the Division of Finance. The 2006-2007 Annual Fiscal and Program Information forms for Private Schools for Students with Disabilities are now available on the Department of Education's website at <a href="www.state.nj.us/education">www.state.nj.us/education</a>. Under the pull down "Overview of DOE Programs", click on "Finance." Under the "Division of Finance" homepage, click on "Private Schools for Students with Disabilities" under the heading "Most Requested Items" which is on the right side of the page. <a href="This item is listed under >2006-2007 School Year - Annual Information as Annual Fiscal and Program Information."</a>" The directions are in the Word format and the forms are in the Excel format which can be downloaded. If you don't have Internet access, you may call Elise Sadler-Williams at (609) 777-4483 or Toula Aris at (609) 292-3496 to request a floppy disk containing the directions and forms.

The Annual Fiscal and Program Information forms are an essential source of information during the desk review of a school's audited financial statements, as well as for other divisions in the department. Therefore, it is immensely important that the designee responsible for completing this document is familiar with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-5.5, N.J.A.C. 6A:23-4.1 through 4.16, understands the possible financial impact of submitting erroneous / incomplete data and has access to employees' personnel files to ensure that the information submitted is accurate. In accordance with N.J.A.C 6A:23-6A:5-5 and 4.5(a)57, private schools using unrecognized job titles (except administrative job titles) must obtain county office approval prior to the use of the unrecognized job titles to avoid non-allowance costs.

The request for information on pages four, five and six is only for the positions that are reported in General Administration, School Administration, Business and Other Support (page 4), Classroom Instruction (page 5) and Support Services (page 6). The corresponding account numbers are reflected on the top of the page. A position title listed as "Teacher" on this form is unacceptable. Any position title listed must indicate the specific type of teacher such as "Teacher of the Handicapped" or "Social Studies." It is imperative that each column on pages four, five and six is not left blank. If the

request does not apply to the employee, please insert N/A or "none". Please do not report positions held in Food Service, Operation of Plant & Maintenance and Extraordinary Services (one to one aides) on these pages.

The position titles reported on pages four, five and six must agree with the position titles reflected on the staff members' employment contracts (if applicable), be recognized position titles or approved unrecognized position titles (except for administrative job titles) and the position titles reflected on the audited financial statements must agree with the staff members' employment contracts. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-5.5 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23-4.5(a)57, private schools using unrecognized position titles must obtain county office approval prior to the use of unrecognized position titles to avoid non-allowable costs. On June 26, 2006, a listing of recognized position titles for private schools for the disabled was forwarded to all private schools. The position titles recorded on pages four, five and six (column 1) of this form that require school certification (column 8) must be contained on the listing of recognized position titles or approved by the county superintendent in the county the private school is located. For those positions that require an employment contract, the position title reflected on an employee's contract must be a recognized position title or approved by the county office, agree with the position title reflected in column 1 on pages four, five and six and must agree with the position titles reflected on the audited financial statements.

A hard copy of the completed form must be mailed to the department <u>in addition to</u> submitting either a floppy disk or an electronic file in an e-mail of the Microsoft Excel file. Please forward a floppy disk or an email with the name of the Microsoft Excel file saved as the name of school (i.e. ABC School 06-07.xls), to Toula Aris at <u>toula.aris@doe.state.nj.us</u> by January 31, 2007:

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