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FROM: Roberta Wohle, Director 
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SUBJECT: Elementary School Age Range

On July 26, 2007 the Council on Local Mandates (Council) decided a case that was brought forward by four special services school districts regarding the amendment to the age range for students with disabilities in special class programs (i.e., self-contained classes) at the elementary school level. The rule at N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.7(a)2 which became effective on July 1, 2007, changed the age range from four years to three years for special class programs at the elementary level. The Council invalidated that portion of the rule that altered the age range in elementary programs. Therefore, the Department will be amending Chapter 14 of the special education code to reflect the four-year age range for special class programs at the elementary level.

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