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TO: North Dakota Approved SES Providers
FROM: Lauri Nord, SES Coordinator
DATE: August 8, 2016
RE: SES During the 2016-2017 Transition Year

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law on December 10, 2015. It reauthorized the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which was previously reauthorized as No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

The ESSA law officially takes effect on July 1, 2017, however, the 2016-2017 school year is being referenced as a transition year.

States were given the option by the U.S. Department of Education that they may elect not to require local educational agencies (LEAs) to provide supplemental educational services (SES) and the related notice to parents for the 2016-2017 school year as long as it implements a one-year transition plan for ensuring that LEAs provide alternative supports for the students eligible for SES in the schools with the greatest need. The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) has implemented a one-year transition plan and recently surveyed all 68 LEAs that would have been required to offer SES to gather their intentions for offering SES as outlined under No Child Left Behind.

After review of the surveys by the Office of Federal Title Programs, none of the 68 LEAs intend to offer SES as outlined under NCLB during the 2016-2017 transition year. Therefore, the NDDPI will not be implementing SES as outlined in NCLB – the approved provider list will not be maintained and per-pupil amounts will not be determined.

The NDDPI extends its thanks for the educational contributions you have made to the students of North Dakota.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact me at lnord@nd.gov or (701) 328-2282.