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LOCAL AIG PLAN REVIEW AND COMMENTS BASED ON JULY 2013 SUBMISSIONS

On behalf of the Department of Public Instruction, we are pleased to provide the following comments based on the review your Local AIG Plan submitted in July 2013. As mandated by Article 9B (§115C-150.5-.8), LEAs must submit Local Board of Education (LBE) approved AIG plans based on state guidelines to DPI every three years. Local AIG Plans are implemented and developed locally. On behalf of the State Board of Education (SBE), DPI is charged with providing technical assistance to LEAs in the development of their legislatively required plans and feedback on their local board approved plan. Our goal is to provide feedback that supports continuous program improvement and further develops AIG programs to meet the needs of our AIG learners in North Carolina.

This year's submission is part of a six-year effort to "re-vision" local AIG programs based on the NC AIG Program Standards, which were revised and adopted by the SBE in December 2012. The NC AIG Program Standards provide a statewide framework for quality programming while honoring local context and flexibility. Your school district and AIG coordinator have been working to "re-vision" your local AIG program since 2009. We have many well-established programs across the state and are excited to be developing others. We commend your efforts. Below you will find a synthesis of your Local AIG Plan review. This will indicate if your plan submission is complete, complete with modifications needed, or incomplete.

LEA Name: ALEXANDER COUNTY SCHOOLS

- ☐ Your plan submission is COMPLETE. We applaud your efforts to develop a Local AIG Plan that is comprehensive and aligns with the NC AIG Program Standards. Please review the attached comments which will provide further insight.
- ☐ Your plan submission is COMPLETE with MODIFICATIONS needed. We commend your efforts to develop a Local AIG Plan that aligns with the NC AIG Program Standards. There are a few issues that must be clarified to adhere to state guidelines. Please refer to the attached comments for more information.
- ✓ Your plan submission in considered INCOMPLETE in its current state. DPI recommends revisions to your Local AIG Plan in order to align more fully with Article 9B and SBE Guidelines. Please refer to the attached comments for more information. DPI is committed to working with your LEA to further develop your AIG program and local AIG plan.

Resubmission information and opportunities for technical assistance will be presented by early March for those who are in need of this information. We look forward to continuing work with our districts across NC to strengthen and grow our AIG programs to meet the needs of our most advanced learners.

If you have any questions, please contact Sneha Shah-Coltrane at Sneha.ShahColtrane@dpi.nc.gov or 919-807-3849.

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