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TO: All LEAs/Charter Schools
(Finance Officers and AUM Program Contacts)

FROM: Stephanie English, Chief
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RE: Documentation for Abstinence Until Marriage Matching Funds

In order to receive Abstinence Until Marriage (AUM) funds (PRC 057), North Carolina must assure that every four federal dollars received are matched with an expenditure of three non-federal dollars, on a statewide basis. With the change in administration of this program from NC Department of Health and Human Services to the NC Department of Public Instruction, this agency will be responsible for monitoring match expenditures.

State statute requires that all schools teach abstinence until marriage. Therefore, documentation of matching expenditures is requested from ALL LEAs/Charter Schools to enable the state to adequately meet the federal match requirements. The following list is suggested as a guide to acceptable activities you may wish to report:

- Abstinence Until Marriage education
- Youth development activities/education
- Puberty education
- Any skills-based activities that include but are not limited to negotiation skills, communication, refusal, self-esteem
- Professional development for AUM education and other topics listed above
- Matching contributions for abstinence programs (example, FOX 50 media campaign dollar-for-dollar match)
- See also federal a-h definition of AUM (attached)

Please use the attached form to report your matching expenditures for Abstinence Until Marriage beginning with the 2005-06 school year. After the first report, which should be submitted by April 7, 2006 to cover the first two quarters of the current fiscal year, the match report will be due quarterly, no later than fifteen days following the end of the quarter. Supporting documentation for all reported expenditures must be maintained at the LEA/Charter School.

Failure to meet the matching requirement may result in the loss of all AUM funds. **Please note** that if the state as a whole does not meet the required match, AUM funds will be reduced first from LEAs/Charter Schools who did not report matching expenditures equal to three non-federal dollars for every four federal AUM dollars.

If you have questions regarding the program aspects of this request, please contact Sarah Langer at 919-807-3867 or slanger@dpi.state.nc.us. For questions related to the fiscal components and match report, please contact Stephanie English at 919-807-3686 or senglish@dpi.state.nc.us.