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PARENT INFORMATION ON ESEA WAIVERS

As you are aware, on May 29, 2012, the U.S. Department of Education (USED) approved North Carolina's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Request for waivers to thirteen provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Under ESEA flexibility, local education agencies (LEAs) and charter schools in North Carolina will no longer be required to offer supplemental educational services (SES) or public school choice that was required under NCLB. At the beginning of the 2012-13 school year, LEAs and charter schools should provide parents with information to explain:

1. Why SES and transportation for public school choice will no longer be offered if this is the school district's decision;
2. What interventions, incentives, and supports will replace those options; and
3. Other relevant details regarding the termination and/or transition of existing services.

As with all information provided to parents, the information should be provided in a language and format that is understandable to parents and provided as early as feasible so that parents may plan accordingly.

Attached is a sample letter that may be used to communicate this information to parents. Districts will need to provide additional information to adequately describe the decisions made at the local level. If you have questions, please contact Donna Brown at donna.brown@dpi.nc.gov.

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