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Dr. Marty Pollio, Superintendent (JCPS)
Jefferson County Exceptional Child Education Services Cooperative
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RE: SY 2017-2018 IDEA-B Notice of Approval (Stage I)

Dear Dr. Pollio:

Due to a late receipt from the US Education Department (US ED) of Kentucky's allocation under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) the regional educational cooperatives received their Notice of Availability of Award under this program much later than is typical. This resulted in applications for these funds being available later than normal. Therefore, in order to allow for a thorough review of these applications and budgets while also making the funds available as quickly as possible, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is reviewing and providing Notice of Approval (NOA) in two stages. In stage I, KDE is providing this NOA specific to the base funding and standard initiatives as included in each cooperative's application. This approval accounts for a significant portion of the allocation, typically in excess of 95% of the total amount available.

In stage II, KDE will review the cooperative's allocation around the regional and other initiatives that are unique to each individual cooperative. This review is anticipated to be completed no later than July 31, 2017 at which time each cooperative should have final approval on their total approved allocations.

This Stage I NOA approves the Jefferson County Exceptional Children Services Cooperative (JCECSC) application, effective July 1, 2017 for Grant Funds under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-B) for the 2017-2018 school year totaling **\$920,500.00**. These funds are a portion of the discretionary monies from the aforementioned grant to provide technical assistance and support as directed and approved by the KDE, Division of Learning Services (DLS). The distribution and use of these funds are determined on an annual basis. The Stage II process is reviewing the potential for an additional **\$25,000** in regional and other initiatives if requested by JCECSC, that if approved will result in a total allocation of **\$945,500.00**. Funds must be utilized for the purpose of meeting the agreed upon assurances for provision of technical assistance, as stipulated in the Funding Application.

Federal laws governing the use of these funds are found in the 2004 IDEA Reauthorization at 20 USC § 1400, *et seq.*, and its implementing regulations (34 CFR Part 300), and in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) at 34 CFR, Parts 74-86. Relevant state law is located in 707 KAR 1:015.

SY 2017-2018 IDEA-B funds can be requested using federal cash request forms obtained from the Division of Budget and Financial Management. These funds are available for obligation from July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 provided the cooperative has:

- Spent all SY 2016-2017 IDEA-B funds;
- Met all supervision requirements related to IDEA-B projects;
- Submitted a current, approved Collaborative Funding Application on file with the Division of Learning Services; and,
- Special conditions are not imposed on the Grant funds.

SY 2016-2017 IDEA-B funds may not be spent after September 30, 2017 unless they have been properly obligated and reported. Unpaid obligations of SY 2016-2017 funds must be liquidated by November 30, 2017 and the deadline to submit your final request for reimbursement is December 10, 2017. Any funds not requested by this time will revert back to the U.S. Department of Education. Additional information related to expenditure reporting is enclosed.

Unless otherwise specified your budget for SY 2017-2018 Stage I funding is approved as submitted. Expenditures may only be made from the codes contained in this budget from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Prior approval from this office is required before spending these funds other than currently approved. Amendments for activities not approved in the original application must be submitted and approved before expenditures related to these activities can be made.

If you have questions, or need assistance please contact Karla Miller at (502) 564-4970.

Sincerely,

Gretta Hylton, Director
Division of Learning Services

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