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**To:** Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)  
**From:** Rebecca H. Cort   
**Subject:** Important Information Regarding 2007-2008 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Section 611, Section 619 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) Administrative Cost Reimbursement Program project funds

This is to inform you that the 2007-2008 *Applications for Federal Funding for the Education of Students with Disabilities* for the CPSE Administrative Cost Reimbursement Program and section 611/section 619 projects and associated application materials are now available at the following web address: <http://www.vesid.nysed.gov/spedfin/>. You may now begin to prepare your IDEA budgets/application packets for those federal funds. There is a new change in the way funds are provided through a vendor relationship to approved special education providers of *related services only* to preschool students with disabilities for 2007-2008. These providers will now receive **one third** of the calculated per-student vendor funding amounts for the section 611 and section 619 sub grant projects.

The due date for submission of the CPSE application packet is **July 1, 2007** and the due date for the submission of the section 611/section 619 application packet is **August 31, 2007**. These due dates will enable the State Education Department (SED) to review and approve, in a timely manner, applications which are fully completed and submitted on time. However, districts are encouraged to submit each application packet earlier, if possible. **Please note:** in accordance with federal rules, LEAs may not obligate funds for a proposed federal grant project until it has been received by SED in a substantially approvable form.

The applicant **must** use project year funds for the CPSE Administrative Cost Reimbursement Program funds **no earlier** than **July 1** and ending **no later** than **June 30** of the following year. Section 611 and Section 619 projects can be either a **10 or 12-month project operation period** beginning **no earlier** than **September 1** and ending **no later** than **August 31** of the following year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael C. Plotzker, Coordinator of the Central Office Administrative Support Services Team (COASST) at (518) 486-4734 or Robert P. Waxman of his staff at (518) 473-6108.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



## **Enclosures**