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To: State Operated Schools (Rome and Batavia) and Other State Agencies Receiving
IDEA Section 611 and 619 Flow-through funds

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Subject: Important Information Regarding 2008-2009 Individuals with Disabilities
Education Act (IDEA) section 611 and section 619 flow through funds

This is to inform you that the 2008-2009 *Application for Federal Funding for the Education of Students with Disabilities* and associated application materials are now available at the following web address: www.vesid.nysed.gov/spedfin/. You may now begin to prepare your IDEA budgets/application packet for those federal funds.

The due date of the application is **August 31, 2008**. This due date 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, agencies are encouraged to submit this application 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 Section 611 and Section 619 projects for 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 cooperation in this important process.

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