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TO: District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Final Federal Regulations to Implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004)

The final regulations to implement IDEA 2004, also commonly known as Part 300 of the Code of Federal Regulations, were issued in the Federal Register on August 14, 2006 and become effective on October 13, 2006. These federal regulations can be found at: <http://idea.ed.gov>.

Effective October 13, 2006, school districts are required to implement the new requirements of the federal regulations. In addition, existing State law and regulations must continue to be implemented to the extent consistent with federal requirements. A separate memorandum will be issued regarding the provision of special education services to students with disabilities enrolled in nonpublic schools by their parents.

The United States Department of Education (USDOE) has informed states that their laws and regulations to implement IDEA 2004 must be in effect by June 30, 2007. In January 2007, the Department will be discussing with the Board of Regents proposed changes to Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Public hearings will be scheduled after the Board of Regents meeting. Further information on the public hearing locations and dates will be announced when finalized on the following web site: <http://www.vesid.nysed.gov/specialed/idea/home.html>.



The Office of Special Education Programs, USDOE, will be hosting Part B Regulations Regional Implementation Meetings. A schedule of those meetings, dates and locations may be found under the “event calendar” at: <http://idea.ed.gov/explore/home>. In addition, resources related to IDEA 2004 and its implementing regulations such as topic briefs on selected regulations and links to Technical Assistance and Dissemination Networks may be found on this same USDOE web site.

Please share this information with Directors of Special Education, Pupil Personnel Directors, Chairpersons of Committees on Special Education, Chairpersons of Committees on Preschool Special Education and other interested individuals.

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