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SPECIAL EDUCATION FIELD ADVISORY

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SUBJECT: New Requirements for Special Education Programs and Services: Amendment to Sections 200.3 and 200.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Chapter 213 of the Laws of 2013 (Effective December 4, 2013)

This memorandum is to inform you that the Board of Regents has approved for permanent adoption the amendment of sections 200.3 and 200.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The amendment conforms State regulations to Chapter 213 of the Laws of 2013 relating to the additional parent member of a committee on preschool special education (CPSE). The amendment also makes a technical amendment to ensure consistency with the terminology used in section 4402(1)(b)(1)(b) of Education Law relating to the meeting notice for meetings of the committee on special education (CSE). The effective date of the amendment is December 4, 2013. However, the requirements relating to the additional parent member of a CPSE have been in effect since the Governor signed Chapter 213 into law on July 31, 2013. A copy of the full text of the amended regulations can be found at http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2013Meetings/November2013/1113p12a1.pdf.

To ensure dissemination to appropriate individuals within a school district, I ask Superintendents to please share this memorandum with individuals such as Directors of Special Education, School Psychologists, CSE and CPSE Chairpersons, Guidance Counselors, Directors of Pupil Personnel and Parent Teacher Associations. Questions regarding this memorandum may be directed to the Special Education Policy Unit at 518-473-2878 or to the Special Education Quality Assurance Office in your region:

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