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Subject: CDE Annual Determination and Selection for 2019-20 Monitoring Activities

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January 31, 2020

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LEA/ Unified School District

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Anytown, CA 95097-9001

Subject: Notification of 2018–19 Annual Determination Pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Selection for 2019–20 Special Education Monitoring Activities including Identification of Significant Disproportionality

Dear Superintendent:

The California Department of Education (CDE), Special Education Division (SED) is providing this notification in accordance with Title 34, *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)* Sections 300.600-604, Sections 300.646-647, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The following areas will be addressed in this notification:

- 2018–19 Annual Determination
- Selection for 2019–20 Monitoring Activities
- Overview of Additional Changes to Selection for Monitoring
- Intensive Monitoring
- Targeted Monitoring
- Significant Disproportionality
- Data Identified Noncompliance Review
- Annual Disproportionality Review

This section bullet points the different areas covered in the MEGA letter. MEGA defines the amount of information shared in this letter- it is quite a lot! It is anticipated that APR letters will be sent separately.

2018–19 Annual Determination

Annually, the CDE, SED, in accordance with the IDEA and Title 34, *CFR* Section 300.600, reviews local educational agency (LEA) performance and compliance data related to implementation of IDEA requirements. As a result, every California LEA receives one of four possible annual determinations, as follows:

- Meets Requirements
- Needs Assistance
- Needs Intervention
- Needs Substantial Intervention

This section captures previous year's monitoring activities the LEA participated in.

Annual determinations are based on the LEA's participation in the previous year's monitoring activities. The LEA participated in the following monitoring activities during School Year 2018–19:

Activity	Participated (Yes/No)
Annual Disproportionality Review	No
Data Identified Noncompliance Review	No
Performance Indicator Review	Yes
Comprehensive Review	No
Significant Disproportionality Review	No

The determination for LEA/ Unified School District is **needs assistance** in meeting the requirements of the IDEA, Part B, for 2018–19.

Selection for 2019–20 Monitoring Activities

The CDE has made updates to its monitoring system, including changes to how LEAs are selected for monitoring activities. Selection for 2019–20 monitoring activities are largely based on special education data submitted from each LEA. An LEA is selected for Intensive Monitoring or Targeted Monitoring if the LEA does not meet established targets for performance and compliance indicators under the IDEA as well as the LEA's performance regarding certain additional elements (e.g. Child Find). All data evaluated to select LEAs for Intensive or Targeted Monitoring are included in the data link below. Intensive and Targeted Monitoring include different types of activities based on the needs of the LEA identified through the selection process.

More information about Intensive and Targeted Monitoring will be available at the following Padlet link no later than February 14, 2020: <https://padlet.com/sedmonitoring/1920monitoring>.

The monitoring status for LEA/ Unified School District for School Year 2019–20 is indicated below.

Status	2018–19 Selection Data
Intensive Review	https://www3.cde.ca.gov/linktoinformation <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p style="color: purple; font-weight: bold;">This link will take the LEA to ALL determinations for EVERY LEA in the SELPA. (This link is not active- purely for example)</p> </div>

To find your LEA's data, click on the link in the table above under "2018–19 Selection Data" and download the Portable Document Format (PDF) file that contains your Special Education Local Plan Area's (SELPA's) data sheets. Please be aware that data sheets are categorized by monitoring review title: Intensive Review, Targeted Review, Preschool Review, and a data sheet regarding significant disproportionality. Thus, data for your LEA may appear in multiple locations within the data link above. At a minimum, all LEAs will receive a data sheet titled Intensive Review Data, Targeted Review Data, and Preschool Review Data. Only those LEAs that have been identified as significantly disproportionate will receive a data sheet titled Significant Disproportionality Data.

Please be sure to review all data sheets that indicate "Yes" in the table below. Search for your LEA's data sheets using the "Find" function in the PDF. If an LEA receives multiple data sheets that state "Review Required," the highest level of monitoring will guide the LEA's activities.

This section tells the LEA which Monitoring Activities they are currently identified for participation.

Data Sheet	Yes/No
Intensive Review	Yes
Targeted Review	Yes
Preschool Review	No
Significant Disproportionality	No

More information about data and selection criteria will be available at the following Padlet link no later than February 14, 2020: <https://padlet.com/sedmonitoring/1920monitoring>

For questions regarding data, please contact the Data, Evaluation, and Assessment (DEA) Unit by phone at 916-445-4628. You may also contact DEA Unit staff Steven Rogers by email at SRogers@cde.ca.gov or Nora Parella by email at NParella@cde.ca.gov.

Overview of Additional Changes to Selection for Monitoring

The CDE has made changes to its monitoring system including selecting LEAs for monitoring activities solely based on preschool data. In the past, monitoring of preschool performance was integrated with school age data for selection of monitoring activities. Please refer to the data sheet titled “Preschool Review Data” to review the elements used in the selection of LEAs for monitoring.

In addition, beginning with the 2019–20 monitoring year (using 2018–19 school year data), the CDE has applied an aggregation method for data calculations of LEAs with 100 or fewer students with disabilities. These LEAs have been grouped in the following manner:

- Grouped by County: LEAs with 100 or fewer students with disabilities
- Grouped by Charter SELPA: Charter LEAs with 100 or fewer students with disabilities

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Intensive Monitoring

Intensive Monitoring is the highest level of monitoring. Intensive Reviews are a joint activity between the CDE and an LEA that involves a comprehensive evaluation of significant compliance and/or performance issues related to IDEA implementation.

There are three types of Intensive Reviews at the Intensive Monitoring level:

- Intensive Review (based on school age data)
- Preschool Review (based on preschool data)
- Significant Disproportionality Review

Should an LEA be identified for Intensive Monitoring this section explains more about that process. Currently there are no Charter School in IM, and 1 Geographic SELPA.

The CDE will be working directly with the LEA to complete 2019–20 Intensive Monitoring activities. The activities may include onsite visits, record reviews, regional trainings, and technical assistance. An LEA participating in Intensive Monitoring will submit an improvement plan in which the LEA will describe planned activities with the goal of improving outcomes for students with disabilities. All Intensive Monitoring activities must be completed to ensure the LEA’s continued eligibility for grant funding under the IDEA.

Supporting documents for Intensive Monitoring will be available at the following Padlet link no later than February 14, 2020: <https://padlet.com/sedmonitoring/1920monitoring>.

LEAs will be contacted by the assigned regional CDE consultant with more information on the review process. For general questions regarding Intensive Monitoring, please email IntensiveMonitoring@cde.ca.gov or contact the manager listed below to be directed to the appropriate Focused Monitoring Technical Assistance (FMTA) Unit consultant:

You	Unit Contact Information
FMTA I	Acting Manager: Jack Brimhall Direct Line: 916-445-1056 Unit Line: 916-324-8898 JBrimhall@cde.ca.gov
FMTA IV	Manager: Jack Brimhall Direct Line: 916-445-1056 Unit Line: 916-445-9772 JBrimhall@cde.ca.gov

For questions regarding data, please contact the DEA Unit by phone at 916-445-4628. You may also contact DEA Unit staff Steven Rogers by email at SRogers@cde.ca.gov or Nora Parella by email at

NParella@cde.ca.gov.

Targeted monitoring

Targeted Monitoring or Review will be the most participated in process by LEAs. Notice the highlights below that capture the potential process and padlet link that will be available after 2/14.

Targeted Reviews are a joint activity in which the CDE supports the LEA to improve performance and compliance related to IDEA implementation in one or more areas. An LEA participating in Targeted Monitoring will submit an improvement plan, developed in collaboration with the CDE, that will address the needs identified through the selection process. **This process will include the LEA's submission of planned activities, which may include improvement strategies described in prior Performance Indicator Review (PIR) plans, with the goal of improving outcomes for students with disabilities.**

Supporting documents for Targeted Monitoring will be available at the following Padlet link no later than February 14, 2020: <https://padlet.com/sedmonitoring/1920monitoring>

LEAs will be contacted by the assigned regional CDE consultant with more information on the Targeted Review process. For general questions regarding the Targeted Review, please email TargetedMonitoring@cde.ca.gov or contact the managers listed below to be directed to the appropriate consultant:

Targeted Monitoring Unit	Unit Contact Information
FMTA II	Manager: Donna DeMartini Direct Line: 916-327-3696 Unit Line: 916-445-4632 DDeMartini@cde.ca.gov
FMTA III	Manager: James Johnson Direct Line: 916-327-4218 Unit Line: 916-327-6966 JamJohns@cde.ca.gov

For questions regarding data, please contact the DEA Unit by phone at 916-445-4628. You may also contact DEA Unit staff Steven

Rogers by email at SRogers@cde.ca.gov or Nora Parella by email at NParella@cde.ca.gov.

If an LEA has been selected for Significant Disproportionality, this section captures their status and next steps. Highlights below explain more.

Significant Disproportionality

This letter serves as official notification to those LEAs that have been identified as significantly disproportionate for 2019–20.

For LEA/ Unified School District’s 2019–20 significant disproportionality status, please see the table below:

Identified with Significant Disproportionality (Yes/No)	No

If the LEA identification above indicates “Yes,” then the CDE has identified the LEA as significantly disproportionate in one or more areas. Please refer to the LEA’s data sheet link

located in this letter under “Selection for 2019–20 Monitoring Activities” to review the significant disproportionality data if applicable.

When the LEA is determined to have an overidentification of students by race, ethnicity, or disability in one or more areas, the CDE identifies the LEA as disproportionate. LEAs identified as disproportionate for three consecutive school years for the same area are determined to be significantly disproportionate. Pursuant to federal requirements under the IDEA and Title 34, *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Sections 300.646-647*, LEAs identified as significantly disproportionate did not meet one or more of the targets for the following elements:

1. Discipline: Suspension and Expulsion
2. Placement
3. Indicator 9: Disproportionality Overall
4. Indicator 10: Disproportionality by Disability

If your LEA has been identified as significantly disproportionate, then your LEA is required to take mandatory actions including, but not limited to, reserving 15 percent of IDEA funds to provide Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS). A detailed document outlining the mandatory steps for LEAs identified as significantly disproportionate will be available at the following Padlet link no later than February 14, 2020: <https://padlet.com/sedmonitoring/1920monitoring>.

LEAs will be contacted by the CDE’s technical assistance contractor, State Performance Plan Technical Assistance Project (SPP-TAP), with information about an upcoming informational webinar and mandatory trainings. In addition, the assigned CDE regional consultant will be in contact with more information on significant disproportionality requirements. For general questions please email IntensiveMonitoring@cde.ca.gov or contact the manager listed below to be directed to the appropriate consultant:

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Data Identified Noncompliance Review

DINC notifications will occur no later than March of 2020.

The CDE has recently implemented changes to its data information system, moving special education data from the California Special Education Management Information System (CASEMIS) to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS). This change has resulted in a delay in reviewing LEA performance on the following selection elements, formerly the Data Identified Noncompliance Review elements, which are now components of Targeted Monitoring. **The LEA will be notified no later than March 2020 if selected to participate in Targeted Monitoring for the elements in the bulleted list below:**

- Evaluation completed within 60 days of parent consent
- Part C to B transition
- Elements of secondary transition
- Timeliness of annual IEPs
- Timeliness of triennial IEPs
- Timeliness of resolution sessions

For general questions regarding Targeted Monitoring related to these particular elements, please email TargetedMonitoring@cde.ca.gov or contact the manager listed below:

Targeted Monitoring Unit	Unit Contact Information
FMTA V	Manager: Lisa Stie Direct Line: 916-327-0865 Unit Line: 916-323-2409 LStie@cde.ca.gov

For questions regarding data, please contact the DEA Unit by phone at 916-445-4628. You may also contact DEA Unit staff Steven Rogers by email at SRogers@cde.ca.gov or Nora Parella by email at NParella@cde.ca.gov.

Elements of Annual Disproportionality are now incorporated as part of Targeted Monitoring.

Annual Disproportionality Review

LEAs selected for the Annual

Disproportionality Review received notification on August 14, 2019, with a link to data specific to the review. The elements included in the Annual Disproportionality Review are now incorporated as part of Targeted Monitoring. Please note that data needed for development of improvement activities is contained via a link in the August 14, 2019, notification letter from the Special Education Compliance Monitoring System.

It is recommended that LEAs find the Notification from August 14, 2019 and download the data for their LEA through the SECMS system.

For questions, email TargetedMonitoring@cde.ca.gov or contact the managers listed below to be directed to the appropriate consultant:

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Universal Supports and Resources

Universal supports are available for all LEAs to access, including those LEAs that have an annual determination of meets requirements under the IDEA. A list of resources for continuous improvement will be available to all LEAs, regardless of their annual determination status, at the following **Padlet link no later than February 14, 2020:** <https://padlet.com/sedmonitoring/1920monitoring>.

Again, the padlet link that should be populated with process information by February 14.

As noted throughout this letter, additional information will be provided via the Padlet link. LEAs are encouraged to check the link periodically to review pertinent documents and resources. The SED looks forward to supporting LEAs' efforts under the IDEA to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

Sincerely,

/S/

Kristin Wright, Director

Special Education Division

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Enclosures

cc: El Dorado County SELPA

Focused Monitoring and Technical Assistance Unit