MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
Coordinators, Charter Schools

FROM: Sherry H. Thomas

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BUILDING AN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TEAM 2 YEAR COHORT APPLICATION

NCDPI, in collaboration with the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities (CIDD) has opened the application process for LEA/Charter schools looking to create an Assistive Technology Team. This is a 2-year Cohort process that requires a team be created from no less than 3 and no more than 6 members. The members must include a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) and motor professionals such as an occupational and/or physical therapist. Other possible members may include a general and/or special educator, teacher of the deaf and/or hard of hearing, teacher of the blind or visually impaired, a professional with knowledge of assistive technology or an administrator. During the first year of the process, teams will meet for two, two-day professional development sessions. The sessions are held September/October and February/March time frames in the Burlington, NC area. The CIDD conducts site visits to meet with the team and offer suggestions. The second year requires two, one day professional development sessions and another site visit. There will be webinar access and an institute held in March.

Interested administrators who can allocate personnel and funding should complete the application at the following link. https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8cvrnJQGmusS5kF

The deadline to complete this application is April 3, 2020. Applications will be reviewed, and acceptance/rejection letters will be sent by the end of April. Cohort is limited to 10 teams.

Questions regarding this process may be directed to Matthew Martinez, matthew.martinez@dpi.nc.gov or Crystal Patrick, crystal.patrick@dpi.nc.gov.

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