



## PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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**TO:** Directors, Exceptional Children Programs  
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### DE-ESCALATION MEMO AND APPLICATION

To support Public School Units (PSUs) in the implementation of House Bill 1032/Deborah Greenblatt Act (Session Law 2005-205), the Exceptional Children Division at NCDPI will allocate funds to support professional development around crisis and de-escalation prevention with an emphasis on physical restraints training for PSUs.

The EC Division (ECD) recognizes traditional professional development training methods and particular programs, such as Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), are not the only means of fulfilling the Greenblatt Act and often does allow PSUs to build capacity and sustainability. The NC DHHS has an approved curricula that identifies various trainings that will fulfill the Greenblatt Act.

Applications for these funds should be submitted in the link provided below no later than 5:00 pm on December 17, 2021. Approval notification will be provided by a system generated email to the Exceptional Children Program Director. All requests will be reviewed by the Exceptional Children Division. If the request is denied, the PSU will be notified via a system generated email.

[https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1WTQnB4dSnTSov8](https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1WTQnB4dSnTSov8)

To further address this need, the ECD has developed a Verbal De-escalation course in NCEES.

- The ECD online course may be accessed in NCEES by searching "NC De-Escalation: Prevention and Intervention", course #12408
- If you are unable to view the course through NCEES, go directly to your Canvas application and import the course from Canvas Commons. Directions for doing so can be found [here](#).
- You may also access this course through a Google Link, but no CEUs will be awarded when not completed through NCEES

Questions regarding the de-escalation application and/or process may be directed to Felicia Goodgion, [Felicia.Goodgion@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Felicia.Goodgion@dpi.nc.gov) or Lisa Taylor, [Lisa.Taylor@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Lisa.Taylor@dpi.nc.gov).

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