January 12, 2021

Dear Parent, Family Member or Guardian:

Your participation in your child's education is very important to us! The Department of Public Instruction, Exceptional Children Division, is asking for your input through the Parent Survey – **School-Age** Special Education at the following link:

 $\underline{https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_0kVqhjmLgpGViPr}\ .$ 

Results from the Parent Survey will provide valuable feedback and recommendations will be made to administrators at your local educational agency (LEA) and the State Board of Education.

Research shows students reach higher levels of achievement when families are actively involved in the education system. As a parent, family member or guardian of a student with a disability, you know firsthand what is working and what is not!

Filling out this survey is completely voluntary. Also, you are not asked to provide your name or other personally identifiable information. The information is confidential, and we will not share it with anyone. The information from all families will be compiled to create a report about the state, the efforts to involve families in their children's education and the impact of that involvement on educational results for students with disabilities to inform North Carolina's State Systemic Improvement Plan. If you received this survey from your school/school district earlier this year and completed it, please disregard this as the results of your already completed survey will be included.

If you have any questions, call the Exceptional Children Division at (984) 236-2550 or the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) at (800) 962-6817.

Please complete the survey by January 29, 2021. Thank you for taking the time to participate and assist us in improving education for children with disabilities in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

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