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COLLABORATIVE REGIONAL SERVICE INITIATIVE

Thank you very much for responding to our Collaborative Regional Service Initiative (CRSI) survey. Your information has been very helpful in guiding our planning.

We are happy to share that we will initiate a pilot with two Regions to meet the needs of Related Services and low-incidence disciplines initially. Our plan will then be to strategically grow the CRSI to meet the needs of specialized instructional support personnel and low-incidence educators across NC, adding regions following this pilot.

While needs are pervasive and persistent in many areas, we want this effort to be successful. This will take time and hope you can be patient with us as we forge these new relationships to assist PSUs. As details are confirmed they will be communicated to the PSUs that requested the support.

We are committed to assisting PSUs to have appropriate, quality staff.

Thank you for all your good work on behalf of our students and the future of NC. We are grateful for you and how you go the extra mile.

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