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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Directors, Exceptional Children Programs  
Exceptional Children Coordinators, Charter Schools  
State Operated Programs

**FROM:** Sherry H. Thomas *SH7*

**DATE:** September 29, 2021

### **New Consultant for the Special Programs and Data Section**

The Exceptional Children Division (ECD) is pleased to announce that Milinda Martina will join the Special Programs and Data Section, to serve as an Individual with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Fiscal Consultant. Milinda will begin her work with the ECD on October 1, 2021.

Prior to assuming this position, Milinda worked as the Exceptional Children Director in Pender County Schools. Milinda is a veteran educator with over twenty-three years of experience in public education. Throughout her career, she has advocated for students with disabilities from inside the classroom as a special education teacher, coordinator, and compliance specialist. She has spent the last 18 years serving various Public School Units as an Exceptional Children Director. She is a graduate of the University of West Florida and received her master of school administration and curriculum and instructional specialist from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She is excited to join NCDPI Exceptional Children's program and support fellow directors.

Milinda can be reached via email at [Milinda.Martina@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Milinda.Martina@dpi.nc.gov)

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