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## MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Sherry H. Thomas, Director *SH*

**DATE:** July 19, 2021

### **CALL FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION PROPOSALS FOR THE 70TH CONFERENCE ON EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

The Exceptional Children Division is pleased to announce that the Call for Proposals for general conference instructional sessions for the *70th Conference on Exceptional Children* is now open through **August 25, 2021**. The general Conference will be held **November 18-19, 2021, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro**. Each year thousands of special education teachers, administrators, related service providers, community partners, and families of students with disabilities gather at this event to learn, network and celebrate exemplary practice models, people, and content. As we celebrate this milestone of 70 Conferences, we are excited to announce this year's theme is: "Going Platinum: Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future."

**INSTRUCTIONAL SESSIONS:** The Division is seeking proposals for 90-minute instructional sessions on a wide variety of topics pertaining to the education of students with disabilities. These sessions will be held on Thursday, November 18, and Friday, November 19. Please visit the following link for more information and to submit a proposal: [bit.ly/70thCallForProposals](https://bit.ly/70thCallForProposals)

Please share this information with staff in your school/school system, as the Conference is building a rich tradition of local presentations from throughout North Carolina. Questions related to instructional session proposals may be directed to [ECConfProposals@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:ECConfProposals@dpi.nc.gov).

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