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To: Directors and Managers of Business
Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Directors

From: Howard Marinier, Administrator
Business Services

Subject: **Nonpublic School Extraordinary Cost Pool Claims, Fiscal Year 2015-16**

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Pursuant to California Education Code (EC) Section 56836.21, the California Department of Education administers an extraordinary cost pool (ECP) to protect special education local plan areas from the extraordinary costs associated with single placements. These single placements are described in subdivision (d) of EC Section 56836.21 as follows: "Special education local plan areas are eligible to submit claims for the costs of nonpublic, nonsectarian school placements in excess of those in existence in the 1997-98 fiscal year and of special education and related services for pupils who reside in licensed children's institutions." Single placement costs in excess of the annual threshold amount, given below, will be reimbursed, subject to funds available for the year. If the total reimbursable amount exceeds the \$3 million appropriation, the CDE will prorate all claims.

The threshold amount for claims shall be the lesser of the following:

1. One percent of the allocation calculated pursuant to EC Section 56836.08 for the special education local plan area for the current fiscal year for any special education local plan area that meets the criteria in Section 56212.
2. The alternative threshold amount shall be the alternative threshold amount for the prior fiscal year multiplied by one plus the inflation factor computed pursuant to Section 42238.1, as that section read on January 1, 2013, through the 2012-13 fiscal year and, commencing with the 2013-14 fiscal year, paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 42238.02.

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The 2015-16 Annual SELPA Extraordinary Cost Pool (ECP) Claim Data is due to the State on November 30, 2016. In order to allow for sufficient time to review, certify, and send the backup of the data to the State, our office is requesting the hard copy of the Annual ECP data, supporting documentation (copies of paid

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invoices for each individual ECP claim), the exported data file, and the signed certification **on or before Monday, November 14, 2016.** Please submit the data to the attention of: **Howard Marinier, Administrator, Orange County Department of Education, Business Services.** The exported data file may be e-mailed to: hmarinier@ocde.us. However, it is still necessary to send in the hard copy report with the supporting documentation and the signed certification page.

The 2015-16 Principal Apportionment Data Collection Software, Version 15.00, should be used for reporting the Annual ECP Data. The software and instructions are available at the following state web address:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/sf/pa/>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please call Howard Marinier at (714) 966-4176.

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