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Dr. Tom Houlihan
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Washington, DC 2001-1431

RE: Extension of Due Date for FFYs 1999-2000 through 2000-2001 Biennial Performance Report for Part B of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (Part B)

Dear Dr. Houlihan:

Pursuant to Education Department General Administrative Regulation (EDGAR) 34 CFR §80.40, the State education agency in each State is required to submit a Performance Report on the State's use of Federal funds. The Secretary has determined that the Part B Performance Report shall be submitted every other year to coincide with requirements to report to the Secretary and the public on the progress of the State, and of children with disabilities in the State, toward meeting the performance goals and indicators established by the State. EDGAR requires that the Biennial Performance Report be submitted within 90 days after the close of the Federal fiscal year (FFY) unless a justified request is submitted by a grantee at which time the Federal agency may extend the due date for the Biennial Performance Report (34 CFR §80.40).

On August 3, 2001, the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), on behalf of the Education Information Advisory Committee (EIAC), made three recommendations concerning future Biennial Performance Reports. In response to the recommendations, please be advised of the following:

1. The Secretary has determined that the Biennial Performance Report for FFYs 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 will be submitted no later than May 31, 2002. The Office of Special Education Programs plans to issue the submission requirements for the Biennial Performance Report to States by November 30, 2001. The due dates for subsequent reports are still under review.
2. A Biennial Performance Report task force has been formed. Three of the task force members hold EIAC membership. The first task force meeting was held on August 9, 2001. The purpose of this meeting was to provide input in regard to the development of submission requirements and sample formats for the Biennial Performance Report to be submitted in May 2002. This task force will continue to provide input in regard to the Biennial Performance Report on an "as needed" basis.

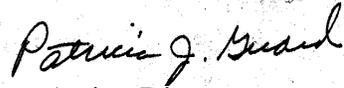
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3. Staff from the Office of Special Education Programs is to provide a Biennial Performance Report update at the Fall 2001 EIAC meeting scheduled for December 10-13, 2001.
4. Staff from the Office of Special Education Programs continues to use the Internet to communicate with the EIAC special education sub-committee in regard to Biennial Performance Report updates.

Should you have questions concerning the responses to the CCSSO recommendations contact Ruth Ryder by calling (202) 205-5547.

Sincerely,



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