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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Directors of Special Education

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SUBJECT: Availability of Electronic Copies of Letters of Clarification and Selected OSEP Memoranda on the OSEP Web Page

In an effort to better serve our customers, OSEP is pleased to announce that a link to policy documents will now be available on the OSEP web site in both Microsoft® Word and PDF formats. These documents will include selected OSEP memoranda as well as letters of clarification describing the Department's interpretation of IDEA or the regulations that implement IDEA. The letters of clarification are those included in the lists of correspondence published quarterly in the Federal Register pursuant to section 607 of IDEA.

We are beginning with correspondence covering the period from July through September of 2000, and will continue the process with subsequent quarters. As time permits, we intend to include earlier correspondence from January through March and April through June of 2000.

To access these documents, please go to the OSEP web site at:

<http://www.ed.gov/OFFICES/OSERS/OSEP/> and click on the link "Letters of Clarification" under "What's New." The OSEP web page is in the process of redesign and when the redesign is completed, these documents will be available by clicking on the link to Legislation and Policy.

OSEP intends to discontinue the practice of mailing hard copies of the documents referred to in the Federal Register quarterly lists of correspondence after the most recent quarter becomes available on line.

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