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SUMMARY MEMORANDUM

Implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), and The District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency to Address Specialized Education Services for Children and Youth placed in out of state placements by CFSA

Background

In September 2013, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and the District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) to address specialized education services for children and youth placed in out of state placements by CFSA. The MOA clarifies each participating agency's responsibility for District of Columbia wards receiving specialized educational services while placed and attending schools in other jurisdictions. It is the intent of this agreement to ensure that school aged children receiving specialized educational services receive free appropriate public education (FAPE) and are monitored accordingly under federal and local laws and regulations.

As a component of the MOA, the participating parties are required to identify the specific individuals responsible for implementing the obligations defined within the MOA. Accordingly, the points of contact (POCs) are as follows:

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The participating agencies are also required to develop data sharing protocols that ensure timely and appropriate service delivery. To that end, on a monthly basis CFSA will provide OSSE and DCPS with a report listing all children/youth receiving special education services in foster care attending a school outside of the District of Columbia, RTCs, and PRTFs along with other required information as noted in the MOA. This information will be maintained in the District's Student Longitudinal Data System (SLED). Additionally, to ensure compliance with all components of the MOA, OSSE, DCPS and CFSA POCs will meet on a regular basis to review student placement status and develop a plan to address any related issues that may impact continuity of service delivery and/or compliance with federal and local laws.