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TO: Chief School Administrators
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Statewide Special Education Advisory Council
Agencies or Organizations Concerned with Special Education

FROM: Peggy McDonald, Director *Peggy McDonald, J.W.*
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SUBJECT: Guidance with Respect to Federal Regulations Implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 – Independent Educational Evaluations

Please be advised that changes to Chapter 14 of the Administrative Code, Special Education, were published in the New Jersey Register on February 2, 2015. The new regulations are available on the Department's website at: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/code/current/>.

Pursuant to my memorandum dated [December 16, 2014](#), because the new regulations have been officially adopted, districts are no longer asked to attach the guidance regarding independent evaluations, issued by me on [September 9, 2014](#), to every IEP developed for a student with a disability.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Kathy Ehling at 609-633-6971.

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