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MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
    Directors, State Operated Programs
    EC Coordinators, Charter Schools
    Select Institutions of Higher Education
    Cooperative Planning Consortium
    NC State Improvement Project Coordinators (NC SIP) and Certified Instructors

From: William J. Hussey, Director Paula H. Crawford, Section Chief
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Re: COPYRIGHT on DPI READING RESEARCH TO CLASSROOM PRACTICE AND FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS

The development of the Reading Research to Classroom Practice (RRtCP) and Foundations of Mathematics (FoM) courses was funded through OSEP for the NC State Improvement Project (NC SIP) grant beginning in 2000 and extends through 2021. The courses were developed by the NC DPI Exceptional Children Division and subject matter experts in the field of reading and math and they are copyright protected by NC DPI. The content has been revised approximately every two years and reflects the most current literature and best practices in the field of reading and math instruction for students with persistent difficulties in these areas. Annually, these courses are rated highly and meet the OSEP standards of High Quality Evidence-Based Professional Development delivered with fidelity. The copyright information is clearly stated in the course materials, communicated to certified instructors and is prominent on the www.ncsip.org website. NC SIP certified instructors are required to seek permission before using the materials under any type of contract and must deliver the course with fidelity to the requirements of NC DPI.

The SBE has approved the successful completion of these courses as an option to satisfy licensure requirements of those already fully certified out-of-state teachers seeking to acquire a NC Exceptional Children-General Curriculum or Elementary license. The information is cited in Licensure Policy LICN-001, section 1.21. 1)(a), page 8 which can be found at the following link: https://stateboard.ncpublicschools.gov/policy-manual/licensure/copy4_of_general-licensure-requirements-20161201 Information can also be found on the Licensure Division webpage at: http://www.ncpublicschools.org/licensure/ The Regional Alternative Licensing Centers accept these courses for teacher program completion.

The RRtCP and FoM courses, including the associated materials and content, cannot be altered or modified for delivery in any way without the express written permission of NC DPI. These courses cannot be altered when used for the purpose of: (1) fulfilling licensure requirements, (2) completion of the NC SIP instructor certification process. Those doing so will be in violation of copyright and the participants in the courses will not be able to use the course for licensure, nor for completion of the NC SIP instructor process.