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Date: December 1, 2009

To: Chief School Administrator
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From: Roberta Wohle, Director 
Office of Special Education Programs

Subject: Certification for Renovation/Construction through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (IDEA-ARRA)

Section 605 of the IDEA authorizes the use of IDEA funds, including IDEA Part B ARRA funds, for construction or alteration of facilities if the state determines that the program would be improved by allowing funds to be used for those purposes. In general, to be able to use the IDEA funds for these costs local school districts need to obtain prior approval from the state (See 2 CFR Part 225, Appendix B, 15.b).

As part of the department's approval process, LEAs must certify that infrastructure investments funded with amounts by ARRA-IDEA meet the requirements set forth in regulation. These requirements are listed on the attached certification form.

Your district has been identified as having renovation/construction in the IDEA-ARRA grant. The certification and project forms may be found on the department's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/arra/se/> under Renovation/Construction. Please complete the attached certification and project description forms by December 14, 2009 and forward to:

Patricia Holcomb-Gray
NJDOE/OSEP
100 Riverview Plaza, 2nd Floor
Route 29 South
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500

Subsequent to the receipt of the LEA's certification packet, the projects will be reviewed by the Offices of Special Education Programs and Facilities and a determination will be made as to whether the project(s) are approvable.

Please feel free to contact Patricia Holcomb-Gray at 609-984-4953 should you have any questions regarding this process.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

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Attachment

c: John Hart
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