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Subject: Information Sharing from the State Director of Special Education

The purpose of this message is to share recent guidance issued by the United States Department of Education's (USDOE) Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and Office of Civil Rights (OCR) related to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) implementation and COVID-19, as well as meeting obligations under the Federal civil rights laws.

- On September 28, 2020, the USDOE's OSEP released a Question and Answer (Q&A) document in response to inquiries concerning implementation of the IDEA Part B provision of services in the current COVID-19 environment. The document can be accessed on the USDOE website at <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/idea-files/part-b-implementation-idea-provision-services-current-covid-19-environment-qa-document-sept-28-2020/>.
- Additionally, the USDOE's OCR issued a COVID-19-related technical assistance document to assist K–12 schools in meeting their obligations under Federal Civil Rights Laws. The document can be accessed on the USDOE website at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/qa-covid-20200928.pdf>.

To review these documents, as well as other Q & A documents that OSEP has provided related to COVID-19, please visit the USDOE's OSEP website at <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/topic-areas/#COVID-19> and the USDOE's OCR website at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact the Special Education Division by email at SEDINFO@cde.ca.gov.
