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TO:

All Principals

FROM:

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(Original Signed)

DATE:

November 2, 2006

DEPARTMENT: RE: Special Education Department Recording School Suspensions

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In response to a complaint filed by the State Department of Education Bureau of Special Education Services, please be advised that:

- 1. Asking a parent to pick-up his/her child because of behavioral incident that has occurred during the day is to be considered a school suspension and must be properly recorded as such by school personnel on appropriate school and district attendance forms. These suspensions count towards the ten (10) days as outlined in: 1) the school district's policy and procedures on Student-Discipline-Suspensions/Expulsions; due Process, as well as, and 2) 34 CFR Section 300.159 through 300.524 in the Individuals with Disabilities ACT (IDEA).
- Being excluded from regular classroom activities beyond 90 minutes is to be considered a suspension and must be recorded as such as defined by Connecticut Education Statutes (Sec. 10-233a(b)).