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DESE/DDS PROGRAM ADVISORY: 7/24/2009

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education/ Department of Developmental Services, DESE/ DDS Program, will temporarily stop taking new applications effective August 17th, 2009. This is due to the lengthy pending list of applications coupled with a second year of Program budget reductions.

At this time the pending application list for participation extends back to January 2007. Given the decrease in the DESE/DDS Program funding, it is unlikely that any new applications will be funded for quite sometime.

During this closure period an informal listing of interested families will be maintained at the Area Offices and the Regional offices. Information that will be collected includes the child's name, age of the child, town of residence and family phone #.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Therese Murphy- Miller, DESE/DDS program manager at (617) 624-7787.