

September 27, 2024

To: Superintendents and Special Education Directors

We appreciate the partnership we have in the collaborative educational opportunities we offer the students from your district. We appreciate your support of The Children's Center for Communication/Beverly School for the Deaf by the placement of a student from your town in our program. As you are aware, our specialized school environment provides educational, therapeutic and health care services to children and youth who are deaf, hard of hearing and hearing with complex and severe multiple disabilities.The complex needs of our students continue to intensify each school year. Consequently, we need to change the configuration of our services to meet these needs. We are planning to use the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Program Review of our program, during the current school year to initiate the needed programmatic additions through the Program Reconstruction process.

We anticipate a new authorized tuition price of:

<u>The Children's Center for Communication</u>: \$148,794.13 Beverly School for the Deaf: \$147,583.35

Among other things, this price incorporates additional positions for all related services and the cost of 1:1 Teaching Assistants for students who require that service on their IEP. There will be no additional charge to the district for students who require 1:1 services.

We are seeking an increase effective July 1, 2025. This increase will enhance our service delivery to better meet the needs of our students.

Thank you for your continued collaboration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Karen Hopkins, Executive Director