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Dear Superintendent Kenneth Cox:

Thank you for the submission of Minidoka County Joint District #331 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 data (SY 2015-2016). We appreciate your district's efforts in providing the information. Per the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Idaho is required to provide determinations to each local education agency (LEA). Determinations are based on data collected the prior school year to ensure LEAs have an opportunity to verify and correct data as needed.

In accordance with federal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education and Improvement Act 2004 (IDEA 2004), 34CFR §300.602(b)(1)(i)(A) and 616(b)(2)(C)(ii)(1), the Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) is required to make an annual Determination of each local education agency's special education status on nine compliance indicators included in the State Performance Plan.

Indicator 4b: Discipline rates

Indicator 9: Disproportionality of race/ethnicity in special education related to inappropriate identification

Indicator 10: Disproportionality of race/ethnicity in special education related to disability category

Indicator 11: Child Find, timely initial eligibility determinations (within 60 days of receiving parental consent).

Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transitions (from Part C to Part B) completed by the child's 3rd birthday.

Indicator 13: Secondary Transition IEPs contain the required components.

Indicator 15: Resolution Sessions

Indicator 16: Mediation

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This annual Determination is based upon a comparison of each district's data with the established state targets in the Idaho State Performance Plan.



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There are four Determination levels:

- **Meets Requirements**
- **Needs Assistance**
- **Needs Intervention**
- **Needs Substantial Intervention**

The Determination criterion within each level was developed by a workgroup of special education directors, superintendents, and SDE staff based on certain indicators and guidelines as outlined by IDEA 2004. The enclosed documents include the FFY 2015, SY 2015-2016 Determination Matrix and the How Idaho State Department of Education Made Local Determinations. The matrix shows your Local Educational Agency's (LEA's) data, state targets, and the overall determination level description of monitoring requirements, technical assistance and incentives or actions. These documents will provide guidance on the State's analysis of your agency's FFY 2015 data.

The SDE has completed its review of the data each district submitted for school year 2015-2016, and the results have been used to make the Determination for your district. Based on your data, the district's Determination for school year 2015-2016 is **Meets Requirements**. The Idaho State Department of Education would like to commend you for your performance.

It is important to note that this Determination is a reflection of the data submitted by your district. Although it represents an integral part of your special education program, it does not represent the entirety of your program. Specifically, it reflects the district's timely and accurate completion of the compliance indicators listed above. There are a number of other requirements in IDEA that districts must follow that are not reflected in this Determination. It is possible that a district that "Meets Requirements" in regard to the compliance indicators listed above, may have other compliance or performance concerns that continue to need attention.

The Idaho State Department of Education is committed to supporting your district's efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities and looks forward to working with your district over the next year. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please contact my office, at (208) 332-6806.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlie Silva".

Dr. Charlie Silva
Idaho State Director of Special Education

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Enclosures:

FFY 2015, SY 2015-2016 Determination Matrix
How Idaho State Department of Education Made Local Determinations

CC: SESTA Coordinator, Special Education Director