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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 26, 2016

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Brian Whiston, Chairman

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SUBJECT: Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Branch Intermediate School District (ISD) Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Pursuant to Section 380.1711 of the Revised School Code of 1976, the intermediate school board shall develop, establish and continually evaluate and modify in cooperation with its constituent districts, a plan for special education that provides for the delivery of special education program and services. The plan shall coordinate the special education programs and services operated or contracted for by the constituent districts and shall be submitted to the superintendent of public instruction for approval.

The Office of Special Education has reviewed, and I have granted approval of the Branch Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services. See Attachment A for a summary of the modifications.

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**Summary of Modifications to the Branch Intermediate School District
Plan for Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services**

<i>Content Requirement(s)</i>	<i>Modification(s)</i>
Public Awareness and Child Find: R 340.1832(a)(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated position responsible for coordinating child find activities.
Diagnostic and Related Services: R 340.1832(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revised the public agency responsible for providing a diagnostic or related service.
Special Education Programs and Services: R 340.1832(d)(e)(g)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated program and services within the ISD.
Paraprofessional Qualifications: R 340.1832(h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Removed procedure for assigning paraeducators to any categorical or resource room program as this is not a required component of the ISD plan.
Transportation: R 340.1832(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Removed how the need for special transportation is determined as this is outlined in federal regulations as being a decision made by the IEP team. ○ Removed scheduling procedure for specialized transportation as this is not a required component of the plan.
Millage Fund Distribution: R 340.1832(j)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated process for distribution of PA 18 millage funds.
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC): R 340.1832(k)-(n):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Removed length of PAC member terms and the number of meetings to be held annually as this is not a required component of the ISD plan.
Surrogate Parents: SBE Surrogate Parent Policy (9-8-08)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No changes have been made to this section.