

September 16, 2024

Jim Smith
Superintendent
Bear Creek Community CS
30 Charter School Way
Bear Creek Township, PA 18702

Dear Jim Smith:

The Federal Regulations governing the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEA-B) require that all local education agencies (LEAs) that expend IDEA-B funds comply with maintenance of effort provisions found at 34 C.F.R. §300.203. The provision states that IDEA-B funds may not be used to reduce the level of local, or state and local expenditures for the education of eligible students with disabilities from one year to the next.

LEAs that have maintained local, or state and local effort have had an opportunity to provide information to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, which demonstrates the LEA meets the Federal MoE requirement. Additionally, LEAs may also provide information, documenting that they meet certain exceptions to MoE under 34 C.F.R. §300.204.

This letter will serve as official notification, that based upon the data received by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Bear Creek Community CS has met the Maintenance of Effort compliance standard for SY 2022-2023, which compared the data from 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Carole L. Clancy, Ed. D., Director
PA Department of Education
Bureau of Special Education