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Memorandum

To: Special Education Administrator
From: Frankie McCabe, Director, Office of Special Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, and School Improvement Programs
RE: Training Stipends Opportunity for Teachers of Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

At the close of the 2007 legislative session the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 2 that provides training stipends for teachers of students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Specifically, the bill allocates a total of \$37,500.00 for each fiscal year 2007-2008 and 2008 - 2009. Fifty stipends at an amount not to exceed \$500.00 each are available statewide for teachers of students who are deaf or hard of hearing and 25 stipends are available for interpreters of students who are deaf or hard of hearing for each year of the biennium. Teachers and interpreters must be engaged in college or university coursework in the education of students who are deaf or hard of hearing to be eligible to receive a stipend.

The Department will pay stipends directly to the teachers and interpreters who have successfully engaged in college or university coursework and who submit the completed Training Stipend Application form attached to this correspondence. All completed forms must be submitted to the Department no later than June 10, 2008, and June 10, 2009, for each fiscal year respectively.

If teachers or interpreters are engaged in college or university coursework during the month of June and the course not completed by June 10 of each year an application must still be completed and sent to the Department by June 10 indicating the anticipated completion date. Follow-up information must be provided to the Department prior to June 30 of each year once coursework is completed e.g., college transcripts.

Inasmuch as there are limited funds available, stipends will be given based upon the date the Department is in receipt of a completed application. Please forward this information to teachers and interpreters of students who are deaf or hard of hearing currently employed in your district. It is our hope that all eligible staff in your district take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to receive a stipend while extending their professional skills.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 775.687.9171 or email me at fmccabe@doe.nv.gov.

FM/fm
Enclosure
cc: G. Dopf
R. Fitzpatrick

Training Stipend Application
Teachers and Interpreters of Students who are Deaf or
Hard of Hearing

Please provide all of the required information by completing the information requested below. Official transcripts or official signed certificates of completion will be required at the time of submission of this form and prior to receipt of a stipend.

Name: _____ District: _____

Date: _____

Teacher of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Interpreter of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing

School(s) where employed: _____

Current Caseload: _____

Title of College or University Course (coursework must be in the education of students who are deaf or hard of hearing to be eligible to receive a stipend)

Course Name: _____

College or University: _____

Instructor Name: _____

Course Beginning Date: _____

Course Ending Date: _____

Final Grade: _____

A copy of the college or university transcript must be attached to this completed form.

Please send completed forms and transcripts to:

Frankie McCabe

Fax: 775-687-9123

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