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Dear School District Child Outcomes Contacts:

Enclosed you will find the FY 2012-13 data set for Indicator 7: *Percent of Preschool Children With IEPs Who Demonstrated Improved: positive social-emotional skills, acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, as well as use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.*

As you know, in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services requires data collection on Indicator 7 of the State Performance Plan (SPP) as each child enters and exits the preschool disabilities program.

This data set is being provided to your district for review and analysis in determining opportunities for improvement. The enclosed cover page includes the data elements described in their order of appearance. Other data fields used for child outcomes analyses are also included but are hidden. To get directions on hiding or revealing columns and rows, **open the spreadsheet and click on the Excel help icon, then search for "hide columns"**. Also provided with your CD, is a paper copy of the number of matched assessments and the number of matches that were excluded from the final data set due to a variety of exclusion criteria.

A webinar will be held on **Tuesday, February 25, 2014, from 1:00-3:00PM** to provide further information about the statewide data and guidance on how to analyze your local data to identify possible improvement strategies. Some suggestions, should you want to get started now, include looking for children with extreme Developmental Quotient (DQ) changes, extreme delay category changes (i.e. above/average to significant delay or vice versa), comparison of the data with output from the macro to identify any missing data and determine possible causes. Instructions for how to construct tables using your local data will be available on the Technical Assistance and Training System (TATS) website at <http://tats.ucf.edu/>.

If you have questions regarding Indicator 7, would like assistance with analyzing your data, or would like to share what your district is already doing in the way of analyzing your local data, please feel free to contact me at 850-245-0476 or at janie.register@fldoe.org.

Thank you for all that you do to support the improvement of child outcomes.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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