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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Exceptional Student Education Directors

**FROM:** Monica Verra-Tirado Ed.D: $M\gamma\gamma$ 

**DATE:** October 22, 2012

## SUBJECT: Guidance on Significant Cognitive Disabilities

We have received requests for additional information with regard to students with significant cognitive disabilities. Please see the following attachment, which pertains to the decision as to whether or not a student has a significant cognitive disability. This document is intended to provide guidance to individual educational plan (IEP) teams making this determination.

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Attachment

cc: Mary Jane Tappen Cathy Bishop Karen Denbroeder Jennifer Jenkins Bethany Mathers Angela Nathaniel