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Dear Special Education Director:

SD Special Education Programs (SEP) is required by the U.S. Department of Education to survey parents of children receiving special education services. We are asking that you give a letter, survey and prepaid mailing envelope to the parent of each student receiving services in your district. They may be given out at each IEP meeting, spring or fall conferences or mailed to each family any time during the 2019-2020 school year. It is up to each district when and how the surveys are disseminated; SEP asks that all schools in the district use the same procedure/time frame.

If your district has at least ten parents who complete a survey, you will receive a report showing how district parents responded to the survey. This information will also be publicly reported by district on the SPP report page. We hope you find the information helpful in making program improvements. The parent needs to complete and **return the survey by May 31, 2020.**

NOTE: If a parent has more than one child receiving services, they need to fill out a survey for each of their children separately.

Enclosed you will find surveys, online survey flyers, and envelopes addressed to Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE). The code for your district is also printed on the bottom of the survey; **please check this printed code to verify that we've correctly identified your district.** The total amount of surveys your district received was based on the December 2018 child count submitted to the Data Collection office. If you should need more copies or you are in need of a Spanish version, please contact Special Education Programs at 773-3219.

The survey is once again available online. Please share with your staff that the online survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDi8> (English), and
<https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/SDi8S> (Spanish)

Thank you for your cooperation, and for distributing the surveys to the parents. The data will be analyzed and results sent to your district. This information will be used to help improve special education services for children in South Dakota.

Sincerely,

Special Education Programs Director