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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, M.D.
Commissioner

DATE: May 26, 2026

RE: Authorization to enter into Agreements with Westchester County School Districts listed on the Attachment to accept Federal IDEA Flow-through Funds for Part B, Section 611 and 619 for the contract periods as specified by the school districts (7/1/26 to 6/30/27 or 7/1/26 to 8/31/27 or 9/1/26 to 8/31/27 or 7/1/26 to 8/31/30), in amounts to be determined by the respective school districts' October 1st 2025 Federal Count.

Authority is requested by the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), to enter into agreements with the Westchester County School Districts listed on the Attachment to accept federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") Flow-through Funds for Part B, Section 611 and 619 for the contract periods as specified by the School Districts (7/1/26 to 6/30/27 or 7/1/26 to 8/31/27 or 9/1/26 to 8/31/27 or 7/1/26 to 8/31/30), in amounts to be determined by the school districts' October 1st 2025 Federal Count. These amounts are being determined by the New York State Education Department depending on federal allocation.

The WCDH is an approved special education program provider under Section 4410 of the Education Laws of 1989 and its subsequent amendments. As an approved New York State special education program provider, the WCDH may access the federal IDEA Flow-through Funds for Part B, Section 611 & 619 for the said periods, as specified by the school districts as listed on the Attachment. The purpose of these federal IDEA funds is to provide funding for activities that supplement, not supplant, preschool special education services under New York State Education Law and to relieve the County of expenditures over and above prior year costs. This use of the funds is both cost efficient and a federal mandate.

The agreements with these school districts will require that the County indemnify, defend and hold harmless the school districts for claims arising out of the services provided by the County.

The Agreements are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Sections 3(a)viii, 3(a)ix, 3(a)xii and 3(a)xvii thereof.

Use of the funds from these agreements will promote the public health and welfare of Westchester County's children with special needs by enabling daily participation in special needs programs and other community settings that typically developing children attend. Over 4,500 children are served by the 4410 Preschool Program.

The goals and objectives of these programs are to:

- Provide appropriate educational services to children three to five years old with developmental disabilities and/or delays in accordance with their approved Individualized Education Program ("IEP").
- Provide these services in the child's least restrictive setting.

Since this is federal funding and the County is accepting funding from New York State, there are certain reporting requirements mandated by the state with which we must comply. The use of these funds is monitored, both by the WCDH and respective school districts through monthly productivity reports.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Health, be it hereby

- RESOLVED,** that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Health, is authorized to enter into agreements with the Westchester County School Districts listed on the Attachment to accept federal IDEA Flow-through Funds for Part B, Section 611 and 619 for the periods as specified by the School Districts (7/1/26 to 6/30/27 or 7/1/26 to 8/31/27 or 9/1/26 to 8/31/27 or 7/1/26 to 8/31/30), in amounts to be determined by the respective school districts’ October 1st 2025 Federal Count; and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the agreements with these school districts will require that the County indemnify, defend and hold harmless the school districts for claims arising out of the services provided by the County; and, be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

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Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	101	27	2700	9221		To be determined

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	<u>2026-2030</u>	Start Date	<u>July 1, 2026</u>	End Date	<u>August 31, 2030</u>
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Funding Source	Tax Dollars	
	State Aid	
To be determined (must match resolution)	Federal Aid	100% federal revenue
	Other	

Attachment

School Districts granting federal Individuals with Disabilities Education ACT (IDEA) flow-through funds for Part B, Section 611 & 619 for periods as indicated below:

School Districts	Period of Contract
	<u>7/1/26 to 6/30/27 or 7/1/26 to 8/31/27 or 9/1/26 to 8/31/27 or 7/1/26 to 8/31/30 as per School Districts</u>

Ardsley UFSD
Bedford Central School District
Blindbrook-Rye UFSD
Briarcliff Manor UFSD
Bronxville UFSD
Byram Hills Central School District
Chappaqua Central School District
City School District of New Rochelle
Croton Harmon School District
Dobbs Ferry UFSD
Eastchester UFSD
Edgemont UFSD
Elmsford Union Free School District
Greenburgh Central School District
Harrison Central School District
Hastings-On-Hudson UFSD
Hendrick Hudson School District
Irvington UFSD
Katonah-Lewisboro UFSD
Lakeland Central School District
Mamaroneck Union Free School District
Mt. Pleasant Central School District
Mt. Pleasant-Blythedale UFSD
Mt. Vernon Public Schools
North Salem Central School District
Ossining UFSD
Peekskill City School District
Pelham Union Free School District
Pleasantville UFSD
Pocantico Hills Central School District
Port Chester-Rye UFSD
Putnam Valley Central School District
Rye City School District
Rye Neck UFSD
Scarsdale UFSD
Somers Central School District
Tarrytown UFSD
Tuckahoe UFSD
Valhalla UFSD
White Plains City School District
Yonkers Public Schools
Yorktown Central School District