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TO: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

FROM: Kristin Walker *Kristin Walker*

SUBJECT: Grant Award

Pursuant to Session Law 2023-134 Section 4.2(a), the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) submits the attached Notification of Grant Award – Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration (MHSP) – from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. The MHSP grant is awarded January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029, for a total of \$4,809,876 divided over four years. The MHSP grant is awarded to address the shortage of credentialed school-based mental health service providers. DPI will use the funding to SEAs and LEAs to develop tailored strategies that enhance their school psychologist workforce pipeline.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Neisner by email at [Jennifer.Neisner@osbm.nc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Neisner@osbm.nc.gov).

Thank you.

CC: Chairs, Senate Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget  
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