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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 – School Based Mental Health Services (SBMH) – from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. The SBMH grant is awarded for the period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029, for a total of \$6,394,193 divided over four years. The SBMH grant is awarded to aid in the increase of credentialed school-based mental health providers delivering mental health services to students in high-need LEAs. DPI will use grant funds to provide funding to SEAs and LEAs to increase the number of available school psychologists to improve mental or behavioral health services provisions for students.

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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