To: District Superintendents, Superintendents and Executive Directors of Approved Programs Serving Students with Disabilities, County Officials, VESID Special Education Policy and Quality Assurance Offices

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Subject: Rate Setting for Full Day and Half Day Special Class and Special Class in Integrated Setting Programs

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The 2004-05 tuition rate setting methodology, dated December 22, 2004, outlined changes in rate setting for full and half day preschool programs. Section II, Letter H of the memorandum stated effective with the 2005-06 Prospective tuition rates, RSU will combine full day (greater than 2.5 hours per day) Special Class (SC) programs with half day (2.5 hours per day) programs. Full day Special Class in an Integrated Setting (SCIS) programs will be combined with half day SCIS programs.

After further deliberation and a review of feedback received concerning the blending of similar program types, RSU has decided to continue to establish separate tuition rates for full day and half day preschool programs. Please continue to report your preschool special class and integrated full and half day programs separately using the same 4 digit program codes used in past years and consistent with your program approval letters.