TO:         SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS

FROM:  NDE SPECIAL EDUCATION MANAGEMENT TEAM

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**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN STAKEHOLDERS MEETING REGARDING**

**NEBRASKA SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENTS**

The Nebraska Department of Education reviews requirements for teaching endorsements on a periodic basis.   The time has come to consider the Special Education endorsements in the areas of:

Behaviorally Disordered (NAC 92-24, 006.57),

Learning Disabilities (NAC 92-24, 006.61),

Mild/Moderate Mental Handicap (NAC 92-24, 006.62), and

School Psychologist (NAC 92-24, 007.03).

Given the significant transitions in Special Education that have taken place over the past decade, the models used for service delivery and interventions have changed, requiring teachers to develop new competencies.  These issues and others that impact teacher preparation will be the focus of a stakeholder’s discussion that we would like to invite you to join.

All interested Special Education directors are invited to participate in the stakeholders meeting to be convened by the NDE Office of Special Education.  Representatives of higher education have also been invited.  The meeting has been scheduled in conjunction with the fall NASES meeting when many directors will already be in Lincoln. There is not registration fee for this NDE meeting, and NASES membership is not a requirement for participation.  The purpose will be to discuss future Special Education endorsements.   The meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 16, 2010 f**rom **12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th St., in Lincoln**.

**Please RSVP by September 10 if you will be able to participate in this important discussion:**

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To review the current NDE Rule 24 Special Education endorsements, please go to :

[**http://www.education.ne.gov**/legal/cover24.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/legal/cover24.html)

The first link at the bottom of the page will take you to the competencies related to each endorsement; the second link is to the Rule language.