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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Cummings
Members of the Senate Education Committee
FROM: Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary of Education 
SUBJECT: Follow-up on Special Education Testimony
DATE: April 1, 2016

I wanted to provide information in response to the questions you asked on Thursday, for which I did not have the answers.

With respect to the proposed \$91K for a study of the special education funding models, this would come from the Education Services portion of the budget. It was a grant line in our old Act 117 appropriation and can now be seen on page 10 of the Budget Detail Report included in our budget material and also attached.

With respect to the second item -- Sec. 3(c) of H.859 as passed by the House appropriates \$200,000 from the Education Fund to the Agency to contract with a consulting firm to review special education practices in up to ten Supervisory Unions. This section requires that an SU participating in this project provide 50% matching funds.

My apologies for any confusion I caused.