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Cc: Debbie Parker  
Subject: RE: EOC

EOC on Exceptional Needs Scholarships:

They covered the two big differences for the proviso this year which were raising the per eligible child amount from \$10k to \$11k and add an element to the definition of independent school, requiring them to have specific programs for the exception needs students. They focused in on the school approval process some more (since EOC's main role is school approval), including improvements to the application process. They have 111 eligible schools as of today. I can also provide some more break down on past funding for those schools if you would like.

They briefly touched on the definition of Exceptional needs being the primary issue moving forward with potentially more permanent legislation. The concern seems to be whether the need is verifiable, how to verify the need, and whether the definition is too broad.

The Other change/ improvement that they suggested may need to be addressed for next year and going forward is priority of funding. Right now students who were funded last year have priority but they said there are other possible priorities to look at, such as severity of disability or the families financial ability to afford the education.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like me to look further into any of these points.

*Best Regards,  
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From: Kevin L. Bryant  
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Catherine, the EOC will meet Monday in Blatt (the meeting is on the Statehouse website). The second session has a specific agenda item on exceptional needs scholarships. Please attend both, just in case the discussion comes up early, and let me know what they say. Thanks

Kevin