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Dear Head Start and Early Head Start Family:

For many of us, the end of our 2008-09 Head Start school year is fast approaching! I am confident that every child leaving one of our high quality North Carolina Head Start programs for kindergarten is ready to succeed!

Even as we close one school year, we are busy making plans for the next one and for those of us who have Early Head Start, the fun never ends. We will be enjoying the wonders of infant and toddler early care and education throughout the summer!

We have a lot of important work ahead of us. Quality Improvement and COLA monies are available. The Head Start and Early Head Start expansion notices are posted and we have the opportunity to expand and enhance services to children and families. I encourage all Head Start and Early Head Start programs to review your Community Assessment and critically analyze the available resources in your service areas. If you have the organizational capacity and community need for additional services, apply for expansion! Every child in North Carolina, who is age and income eligible, should have the benefit of the high quality early education and family development services that only Early Head Start and Head Start can provide. As current grantees, you can make it happen!

The NCHSA stands ready to provide you with support and assistance as you embark on the journey towards expansion. Please contact me or our Executive Director, Michelle Bare for additional information.

Yours in Service,

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