Dear Colleague:

The Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program encourages current teachers and academically talented students to pursue careers as nonprofit Illinois public, private, or parochial preschool, elementary or secondary school teachers in any area of Special Education. The Illinois SETTW exempts recipients from the payment of tuition and mandatory fees at any one of the eleven public Illinois universities, providing the institution offers a concentration in Special Education.

2020-21 SETTW Verification Roster and Certification Form

Attached is the 2020-21 SETTW Verification Roster and instructions for your school. The SETTW Verification Roster is used to verify enrollment and program eligibility for each student applicant who indicated on the application that they would attend your school during the 2020-21 academic year. The institution verifies whether each student is enrolled in a Special Education discipline or is ineligible for the waiver by completing the roster and the Certification Form (be sure this form is signed). Please return both forms to ISAC.

While this information may be used now for packaging and billing purposes, remember that ISAC Rules [Section 2765.30(q)] stipulate that an SETTW recipient must be enrolled in a special education program within ten days after the beginning of the term for which the tuition waiver was initially awarded.

Order of Awards Applied

As a reminder, if a student is eligible for both the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant and the SETTW for the 2020-21 school year, the SETTW should be awarded to the student instead of the MAP grant.

If you have any questions concerning this e-mail or any of the attachments, do not hesitate to contact ISAC at isac.schoolservices@illinois.gov or call a School Services Representative at 866.247.2172.

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