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Dear Special Education Director or Contact:

If you are a **brand-new, first-time** special education director for the 2014-15 school year, you need to know about the **First-Year Special Education Directors Project**, a joint effort of the Oklahoma Directors of Special Services (ODSS)/Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration (CCOSA) and the State Department of Education – Special Education Services (SDE-SES).

During the 2014-15 school year, we'll be conducting four half-day training sessions, putting on at least two webinars, providing new directors with lists of resources and pairing each new director with an experienced special education director/mentor.

**There is no cost to participate.** In fact, for first-time Oklahoma special education directors, SDE-SES is providing a \$50 stipend for each half-day training session s/he attends to help offset the travel expense. (The stipends will be paid at the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year.)

If you're interested, please contact or have your director contact Andrea or Laura, so we can send out an email with additional information about the Project. **And, please, pass this along to any first-year directors you might know in your area.**

Thank you.

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