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**From:** RA-EDContinuityofED <RA-EDCONTINUITYOFED@pa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2023 5:12 PM  
**Subject:** PDE Special Education Policy Change  
**Attachments:** Special Education Change of Age of Eligibility Penn Link\_August\_30\_2023.pdf; Special Education Age of Eligibility Policy FAQ\_August\_30\_2023.pdf

To: Pennsylvania School Leaders  
From: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Building on its commitment to ensure that all learners in the Commonwealth have access to a high-quality education, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has implemented a special education policy change to better serve students receiving special education services. This change will impact **all students** eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act across the Commonwealth.

Attached to this email you will find the PENN\*LINK message with associated policy change, and other guidance.

You are invited to join a webinar on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at 3:00 PM, during which Dr. Carrie Rowe (Deputy Secretary) and Dr. Carole Clancy (Director of the Bureau of Special Education) will outline this special education policy change, ensure access to useful resources, and outline ongoing available technical assistance from the Department.

Superintendents, CEOs, Intermediate Unit Executive Directors, and Special Education Directors/Coordinators should plan to attend this briefing. **All attendees must register using [this link](#) or below.**

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Aug 31, 2023, 3:00 PM Eastern Time

Topic: BSE Special Education Policy Change

Register in advance for this webinar: [https://iu13.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1\\_G-tG7DRzy3IINnyrmnWw](https://iu13.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1_G-tG7DRzy3IINnyrmnWw)