

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### Compensatory Services SAM Funds Released to Schools

As a follow up to the August 30 edition of [Principals Digest](#), all students with IEPs must be considered for compensatory services to address gaps in learning as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and periods of remote/blended learning beginning in March 2020. Note that these services should be funded by [School Allocation Memorandum No. 61 \(SAM 61\)](#). In advance of schools utilizing these funds, you should review and share this guidance on [Determining the Need for Compensatory Services at IEP Meetings](#) with your school's secretary and budget support team. In addition, funding should be scheduled locally and must be spent in accordance with the parameters outlined in the SAM for expenses incurred from October 28,

2022 through June 30, 2023.

Note that for overtime payments to occupational and physical therapists, specific steps must be followed to ensure timely and accurate payment to staff; step-by-step instructions can be found on the [OT/PT Provider Timekeeping/Overtime Guidance InfoHub page](#).

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