

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Dear Colleagues:

We are writing to share with you the attached document regarding multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) developed by the Arizona Technology Access Program, an Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) funded program. The document provides information that should increase awareness and understanding of MCS. A link to the document can be found under "What's New" on the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) web site (http://www.ed.gov/OFFICES/OSERS/OSEP/) or you can access it directly at http://www.nau.edu/~ihd/aztap/mcs.html.

This document provides information that may help school personnel, parents, and other interested individuals to understand MCS and the impact on students affected by MCS. Increased awareness of MCS by local education agency personnel should help to improve the overall school environment for all children.

We hope you find this important information helpful and that you will share it widely.

Sincerely,

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