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## MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** Charles Blaschke

**SUBJECT:** Washington Update

This TechMIS mailing includes a number of items related to opportunities in the new ESEA law with several relating to the last TechMIS Special Report on the “Supplemental Services” conference held on June 13 and 14, including:

- Suggested approaches that should be considered in marketing to schools that are targeted for improvement under Title I, with their increased funding for professional development and/or supplemental services;
- The Supreme Court voucher decision involving Cleveland will likely spur legislation in a large number of states next year. The most immediate impact is likely to be an increase in the participation of nonpublic schools in providing supplemental services, thereby offering another opportunity to vendors of supplemental products;

- New ESEA Teacher Quality/Title II B requirements are likely to force SEAs and districts to transfer funds out of the technology block grant, Title II D;
- A new survey of parents of special education students strongly suggests that Congress not overhaul IDEA -- which is up for reauthorization this year -- but rather address perceived limited problems and uneven implementation at the district and school levels;
- A new NSBA survey finds over 50 percent of districts report students provide support for technology used in districts;
- A new report ranks states on progress toward utilization of digital technologies;
- A new NCES report finds participation in remedial programs in colleges and universities has increased, suggesting good opportunities especially in two-year colleges;
- USED awards Education Leaders Council (ELC) \$3.5 million to help states develop model action plans to implement No Child Left Behind; and
- The Instructional Materials Accessibility Act is likely to be enacted into law which could pave the way for Section 508 accessibility standards applying to public schools.

One breaking story at press time related to the FCC decision to allow unused E-Rate funding in one year to be carried over to the next year. Those telecommunication carriers whose fees constitute the \$2.25 billion E-Rate pot, felt the unused amount should be returned to them. However, the FCC ruled in favor of schools and libraries who will be recipients of such unused funding beginning in the year 2003.

For those of you who have any questions regarding supplemental services and how to take advantage of opportunities, please feel free to give me a call directly at 703/536-2310.