

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE ADVISORY PANEL ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Thursday, December 15, 2016
810 First St., NE 8th Floor – Conference Room 806 A and B
Washington, DC 20002
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OSSE Conference Line: 866-836-5263 Code: 1803655

6:10 PM to 6:15 PM	Welcome: Deon Woods Bell, Chair																																
6:16 PM to 6:29 PM	Briefing on U.S. Supreme Court case Endrews case addresses the definition of FAPE, Jennifer Halper																																
6:30PM to 8:00 PM	<p>Best Practices in Inclusive Education Panel Co-Moderators: Vivian Guerra, Inclusion Subcommittee Chair and Jennifer Halper, Inclusion Subcommittee Panelists:</p> <p>Kerri A. Larkin, Deputy Chief, Specialized Instruction, DCPS Tauna Szymanski, Chair, Arlington Inclusion Taskforce Selene Almazan, Esq., COPAA Legal Director (formerly with the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education) Brandon C.S. Wallace, National Director of Special Education, Urban Teachers</p>																																
Resources/ Documents Mentioned	<p>Meeting Agenda, 2016-2017 SAP Calendar, Proposed Agenda for Stakeholder Meeting Upcoming Events and Meetings: - Pending Stakeholder Meetings with Superintendent Kang and the Deputy Mayor of Education, David Grosso and others (OSSE Communications team confirmation) - Other meetings, trainings and announcements –Please share if you know of upcoming events, trainings and dates</p> <p>Upcoming SAP Meetings – PLEASE CALENDAR THESE DATES:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Meeting Day & Date</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Time</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Location*</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Topic/Subcommittee</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Friday, January 27, 2017</td> <td>noon -2 p.m.</td> <td>OSSE</td> <td>Policy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017</td> <td>6:15 – 8 p.m.</td> <td>OSSE</td> <td>Graduation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, March 9, 2017</td> <td>noon – 2 p.m. (teleconference only)</td> <td>TBD</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, April 6, 2017</td> <td>6:15 – 8 p.m.</td> <td>OSSE</td> <td>Outreach</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, May 11, 2017</td> <td>6:15 – 8 p.m.</td> <td>OSSE</td> <td>Report Prep & Other TBD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, June 8, 2017</td> <td>6:15 – 8 p.m.</td> <td>OSSE</td> <td>Report & Other TBD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, June 29, 2017</td> <td>6:15 – 8 p.m.</td> <td>OSSE</td> <td>SY 16-17 Review</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* SAP Meeting locations may be updated upon securing alternative venues</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feedback Sought by Dec. 31 Regarding New Special Education Requirements</p> <p>OSSE seeks your input regarding what resources would be helpful to prepare your LEA or school to meet two new special education requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowering the secondary transition age from 16 to 14: Currently, the District of Columbia requires that transition planning activities begin no later than the first IEP to be in effect when the child turns 16, in accordance with federal requirements. The Enhanced Special Education Services Amendment Act of 2014 lowers the age for transition planning and requires transition assessment and services to be included in the first IEP in effect after a child with a disability reaches 14 years of age. The act specified this requirement to take effect beginning July 1, 2016, or upon funding, whichever occurs later. • Shortening the evaluation timeline from 120 days from referral to 60 days from consent: Currently, the District of Columbia requires LEAs to evaluate a student who may have disability and who may require special education services within 120 days from the date that the student was referred for 	Meeting Day & Date	Time	Location*	Topic/Subcommittee	Friday, January 27, 2017	noon -2 p.m.	OSSE	Policy	Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017	6:15 – 8 p.m.	OSSE	Graduation	Thursday, March 9, 2017	noon – 2 p.m. (teleconference only)	TBD		Thursday, April 6, 2017	6:15 – 8 p.m.	OSSE	Outreach	Thursday, May 11, 2017	6:15 – 8 p.m.	OSSE	Report Prep & Other TBD	Thursday, June 8, 2017	6:15 – 8 p.m.	OSSE	Report & Other TBD	Thursday, June 29, 2017	6:15 – 8 p.m.	OSSE	SY 16-17 Review
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an evaluation. The Enhanced Special Education Services Amendment Act of 2014 shortened the required timeline so that LEAs must make reasonable efforts to obtain parent consent within 30 days of referral, and must complete an initial evaluation (including eligibility determination) within 60 days of the parent providing consent for the evaluation. The act specified this requirement to take effect beginning July 1, 2017, or upon funding, whichever occurs later.

At this time, OSSE anticipates that both requirements will go into effect on July 1, 2017. Please provide feedback via this survey by Dec. 31, 2016. Responses will be used to inform OSSE's analysis of needed resources and the development of trainings and guidance to support schools, students, and families in preparing to implement these requirements beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

For more information or questions, please email Elisabeth.Morse@dc.gov

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