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**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**  
**DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tuesday, September 7, 2010**

District of Columbia Public Charter School Board  
3333 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010  
6:00pm – 8:00 pm

**Thursday, September 16, 2010**

District of Columbia Public Charter School Board  
3333 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010  
6:00pm – 8:00 pm

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Division of Special Education will hold a public hearing to discuss a proposed state policy, entitled “Individualized Education Program (IEP) Process Policy.”

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This proposed policy creates uniform expectations for local education agency (LEA) implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements governing the individualized education program (IEP) process. The IEP process requires parents, teachers, LEA personnel, evaluators, and related service providers to pool their collective knowledge and expertise to ensure that students with disabilities are provided a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE). As the state education agency (SEA), OSSE expects all LEAs to ensure that all appropriate IEP Team members participate in the IEP process to develop complete and valid IEPs.

This proposed policy was posted for public comment on Friday, August 20, 2010 and ends Monday, September 20, 2010.

Persons wishing to review this proposal may access it on the OSSE webpage at [www.osse.dc.gov](http://www.osse.dc.gov) under the ‘Special Education’ program link.

Individuals wishing to testify at the hearing(s) should contact Desiree Brown, State Advisory Panel Coordinator and Public Outreach Specialist, at 202-741-0271 or by e-mail at [desiree.brown@dc.gov](mailto:desiree.brown@dc.gov) no later than 5PM on Friday, September 3, 2010 for the hearing



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scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2010 or no later than 5PM on Friday, September 10, 2010 for the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2010. Each individual presenting in person will be limited to five (5) minutes in an effort to allow all individuals an opportunity to be heard. Individuals representing an organization will be limited to seven (7) minutes total presentation time.

Individuals who wish to submit their comments as part of the official record should send copies of the written testimony and statements no later than 5 PM on Monday, September 20, 2010 to:

Tamera Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education

c/o Desirée Brown

Office of the State Superintendent of Education

Division of Special Education

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Washington, DC 20002

or

E-mail to [osse.publiccomment@dc.gov](mailto:osse.publiccomment@dc.gov)

Individuals who do not register with the OSSE prior to the hearing may testify based upon a first come-first-serve basis as time permits within the timeframes announced for each hearing. On-site assistance with registration will be available prior to each hearing.

Individuals may request an accommodation for a physical disability or language access to participate in the public hearing by contacting Desirée Brown no later than 5PM Friday, September 3, 2010 for the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2010 or by 5PM Friday, September 10, 2010 for the hearing scheduled on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.