



**Wisconsin Council on Special Education Meeting Agenda**

Date October 06, 2023

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Department of Public Instruction, Virtual Meeting

Meeting #339

Welcome

Public Appearances

Special Report: State Systemic Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report: Focus on Literacy Indicator 3 (Laura Adams, Courtney Jenkins, and Seth Bishop)

Review of Minutes Meeting #338

Correspondence Chair Report (Council Chairs)

- Nomination and Vote for new chair, vice chair, or co-chairs and secretary role for council (new chairs will begin their term at start of next council meeting)

IDEA Complaint and Due Process Hearing Findings & Decisions (Sarah Okonkwor, Assistant Director of Special Education, Wisconsin DPI)

Special Education Team Director Report (Patti Williams, Director of Special Education, Wisconsin DPI)

- Includes an update on special education funding

Special Report: Homeschooling, Voluntary Withdrawal, and DeFacto Suspensions Indicator 5 and 6 (Marge Resan and Mike Hickey)

Special Report: Statewide Supports for Continuous Improvement (SSCI) Council Stakeholder Input (Daniel Parker)

Old Business

- a. Plan for dissemination of video scripts to help parents understand rights and IEP processes
- b. Review of recommendations for updates to DPI sample Procedural Safeguards
- c. Update on request for data on reading proficiency of graduates disaggregated by race and disability category
- d. How to achieve implementation of recommendations for professional development made to State Superintendent last school year
- e. Review council priorities from past council discussions

- f. Review updated council policies and procedures.
- g. Suggested agenda topics for next council meeting
- h. Council member reports and issues

#### Announcements

- a. Reminder of public forum council roles
- b. Review and council meeting calendar for 2023-2024 school year
- c. Next meeting dates, October 11, 2023 (public forum 5:00pm to 6:30pm) and December 08, 2023 (9:00am to 12:30pm)
- d. Reminder of optional special meeting times after each council meeting (12:30pm to 2:00pm)

#### Public Appearances

#### Adjournment

### **Council on Special Education Roles**

The Council on Special Education is a committee appointed by the state superintendent to provide policy guidance to the Department of Public Instruction and its Division for Learning Support (DLS) in matters related to the education of all children with disabilities in Wisconsin. (34 CFR 300.167 and 15.377(4), Wis. Stats.).

The Council:

- advises the State Superintendent of unmet needs within Wisconsin in the education of children with disabilities;
- comments publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by Wisconsin regarding the education of children with disabilities;
- advises the State Superintendent in developing evaluations and reporting on data to OSEP under IDEA;
- advises the State Superintendent in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under IDEA; and
- advises the State Superintendent in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities.

(34 CFR 300.169)

As noted above, the role of council is to advise the State Superintendent. Thus, any letters of support for specific budget or other educational initiatives should be sent to the State Superintendent and not directed to other entities (i.e. state legislature). As stated in s.15.377(4), Wis Stat., public comment is limited to rules proposed by the Department of Public Instruction regarding the education of children with disabilities.

Thus, there are specific processes and requirements for how public comment is provided on rules proposed by the Department of Public Instruction that Wisconsin DPI and council must follow.