

**State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC)
Agenda for October 18-20, 2006**

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Location
Holiday Inn
1400 East Market Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Phone (540) 433-2521

Wednesday, October 18

5:30 – 7:00 PM	Executive Subcommittee ¹ Dinner Meeting
7:00 – 8:30 PM	Meetings of Ad Hoc Subcommittees ² 1) Autism 2) Personnel 3) Data and Reports 4) Constituency Involvement

Thursday, October 19

8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30	Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions <i>Welcome by Dr. Mike Loso, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Harrisonburg City Public Schools</i>
8:45	Business Session: 1) Approval of Minutes 2) Bylaws Revision 3) Operational Procedures Revision 4) Other Business Items
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30	Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports and Discussion
11:30 – 12:00 Noon	Public Comment (refer to <i>SSEAC Public Comment Guidelines</i>)
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	Assistant Superintendent's Report (Doug Cox)

¹ Executive Subcommittee – Anne Fischer (Chair), Mike Behrmann (Vice Chair), Stacie Ellis (Secretary), Emily Dreyfus, Carmen Sanchez, Peter Squire

² Refer to Subcommittee Assignment List

1:30 – 4:30	Presentations and Discussion: 1) Final Federal IDEIA Regulations (Judy Douglas) 2) Annual Report from VDOE's Office of Dispute Resolution & Administrative Services (Judy Douglas) 3) State Standards of Learning Assessment Update (Shelly Loving-Ryder)
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 4:30	Presentations, continued
4:30	Adjourn
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Public Forum: The SSEAC welcomes local special education advisory committee representatives and others for informal discussion

Friday, October 20

8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30	Call to Order
8:30 – 10:00	Informational Presentations: Local & Regional Secondary Transition Programs Panel (Hosted by Marianne Moore) 1) Staunton's Transition Assessment Center (Jelisa Wolfe) 2) Regional Transition Program (Judy Sorrell) 3) JMU, JIVE and Discovering College (John McNaught) 4) Lynchburg's Transition Program (Wyllys VanDerwerker) 5) Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center Programs (Rick Sizemore) 6) Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services Education Services (Erica Lovelace)
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15	1) SSEAC Constituency Reports 2) Public Comment Follow-Up (Judy Hudgins) 3) Future Meeting Agenda Discussion
11:30	Adjourn
11:30 – 12:00 Noon	Executive Subcommittee Meeting for Future Agenda

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Assignments (as of July 2006) *

Autism: Stacie Ellis, Suzanne Conroy, Mary Ann Discenza
(Staff – Marie Ireland)

Personnel: Cindy Mills, Rick Richardson, Mike Behrmann, Sharon Duncan
(Staff – Pat Burgess)

Data & Reports: Emily Dreyfus, David Martin, Mike Wong, Carmen Sanchez,
Jacqueline Nelson, Tamara Temoney,
(Staff – Paul Raskopf)

Constituency Involvement: Anne Fischer, Peter Squire
(Staff – Judy Hudgins)

*New members appointed Sept. 2006 will be assigned to ad hoc subcommittees:

1. Carol Hamilton (Parent, Region 8)
2. Trevor Scott Greene (Individual with a disability)
3. Carletta Pittman Wilson (Parent, Region 1)
4. Melodie Henderson (Teacher)

Speakers should keep the following guidelines in mind when making public comment.

**State Special Education Advisory Committee
Guidelines for Public Comment**

(adopted April 27, 2006, revised July 13, 2006)

The State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC) welcomes public comment at each of its regular meetings. **SSEAC members use comments from the public and other information sources to advise the Virginia Board of Education and the Virginia Department of Education of the unmet educational needs of children with disabilities in the state.** Among the other information sources used by the SSEAC to identify issues and solutions are the state performance plan, annual reports, and local school division reports. These reports are available on the Virginia Department of Education's Web site www.doe.virginia.gov.

1. The total time allotted to public comment will generally be thirty (30) minutes. Each public comment is limited to 3 minutes.
2. Those wishing to speak should contact Ms. Cathy Pomfrey by phone at 804-225-3252, TTY-toll free 800-422-1098, TTY-local 804-371-2822 or by E-mail at Cathy.Pomfrey@doe.virginia.gov to be scheduled to speak. Speakers should request special accommodations, if needed.
3. Public comment can be provided in person or may be forwarded to a SSEAC member to read at the meeting. Written copies of comments are helpful. A single copy may be handed to the secretary and if desired, multiple copies (23 for members and staff) may be distributed at the meeting.
4. The SSEAC does not respond directly to public comment at the meeting, except to ask clarifying questions.
5. The topics of public comment are included in the SSEAC's meeting minutes. Public comment will become part of the public record and accessible to anyone wishing to review the minutes of the SSEAC meetings. Speakers should withhold information they do not wish to make public.
6. Virginia Department of Education staff members serve as consultants to the SSEAC. If the public comment involves student- or school-specific information, staff will contact the speaker to determine appropriate follow-up.

More information on the SSEAC is available from the Virginia Department of Education, Special Education and Student Services Office by phone at 804-225-3252, TTY-toll free 800-422-1098, TTY-local 804-371-2822 and at the Web site: www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Instruction/Sped/sseac.html.

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End at 1400 E. Market Street.