

MEETING INFORMATION PUBLIC NOTICE
VIRGINIA STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW ANNUAL PLANS FOR STATE OPERATED PROGRAMS AND
VIRGINIA SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF & BLIND
MAY 8, 2008

A subcommittee of the State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC) will meet to review the Annual Plans of State Operated Programs and the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind. Meetings of the SSEAC are open to the public. This meeting includes time to receive public comment. The SSEAC *Public Comment Guidelines* are attached to this notice. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 in Richmond at the Virginia Department of Education James Monroe building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 in the Jefferson Conference Room on the 22nd floor at 1:00 – 3:00 PM, with a public comment period from 2:45 – 3:00 PM. Refer to the attached agenda. Those persons wishing to make public comment but not able to attend the meeting may submit a written statement that will be read at the meeting. **For additional information, to request special accommodations , or to send written comments, please contact Ms. Sheryl Smith by May 1, 2008:**

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SSEAC Subcommittee Members:

Jacqueline Nelson (chairperson), Judy Averill, Jennifer O’Berry-Ham, Peter Squire, Sharon Duncan, Suzanne Bowers

Process:

State Operated Program and Facilities representatives will present the required information. After the presentations, there will be time for questions.

State Operated Programs and Facilities
Department of Correctional Education
VA School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton VA School for the Deaf, Blind and Multi-Disabled at Hampton
State Mental Retardation Facilities
State Mental Health Facilities
Regional & Local Detention Homes
Hospital Education Programs
Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center

AGENDA
REVIEW STATE OPERATED PROGRAMS' ANNUAL PLANS
May 8, 2008

Virginia Department of Education
James Monroe Building
101 North 14th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

22nd floor Jefferson Conference Room

1:00-1:15 PM

Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose:

Pat Abrams, Director of Special Education Instructional Services

Jacqueline Nelson, SSEAC Subcommittee Chairperson

1:15 - 2:30

Review of State Operated Programs Annual Plans

Suggestions for Future Review Process

2:30-2:45

Break

2:45 – 3:00

Public Comment

3:00

Adjourn

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.