

The State Special Education Advisory Council/Stakeholder Meeting

Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, February 16, 2023

- 9:30 am – 9:45 am Call to Order
Introduction to NJ-SSEAC
- Dr. Paul Barbato, Chairperson
 - Ms. Debora Esposito, Assistant Chairperson
- 9:45 am – 10:15 am Office of Special Education Updates
- Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education
- During the following presentations only SSEAC Council Members and Stakeholders can comment in chat.*
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am *Program Spotlight – “Facilitated Individualized Education Programs (FIEPs)”*
- Presenter: Mrs. Cynthia Hoenes-Saindon, Special Education Ombudsman, Office of Special Education
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am *District Spotlight from the Special Education in Action Newsletter – “Inclusive Preschool Decision-Making Practices” with Q&A*
- Presenters: Mrs. Annie Corley-Hand, Principal of Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, and Mrs. Michele Gardner, Director of Berkeley Heights Public Schools Special Services Department
- 10:45 am – 11:00 am Break
- 10:15 am – 11:15 am *Council Priority Engagement - “**Priority II: LRE Introduction, Data and Monitoring Practices from the OSE**”*
- Presenters: Dr. Damian Petino, Assistant Director, and Mrs. Jennifer Spear, Monitor, Office of Special Education
- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm *Office of Special Education Initiative and Promising Practices - “NJETA: School-Age and Preschool - Then and Now”*
Presenter: Mr. Fred Buglione and Ms. Corinne Catalano, New Jersey Initiative for Addressing Inclusive Education (NJETA)
- During the following activity NJ-SSEAC Council Members, Internal and External Stakeholders, and members of the public can participate. Once the activity concludes, all public comments will be held until the public portion of the meeting.*

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- 12:00 am - 12:30 pm Collaborative and Interactive Discussion around LRE (Padlet)
- Presenters: Dr. Paul Barbato, Chairperson, and Ms. Peggy McDonald, Subcommittee Lead
- 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Council Discussion
- Old Business
 - We will be holding space in March for subcommittees to meet following our monthly NJ-SSEAC Meetings
 - New Business
 - The June NJ-SSEAC meeting will be held as a hybrid event at the LRC Central in Trenton, New Jersey. The event space holds up to 55 people. Council members will have first right to attendance. *Access to the location and virtual links will be posted on the NJ-SSEAC webpage.*
 - Subcommittee Reports
 - Least Restrictive Environment
 - Recruitment and Retention
 - Mental Health and SWD
 - External Engagement
 - Internal Engagement
 - Projected Next Steps for Subcommittees
 - Stakeholder Event Announcements
 - [NJCEC Spring 2023 Conference](#), “Embracing the Whole Child” on March 13, 2023 from 8AM to 3PM at Ramapo College of New Jersey
 - 5th Annual [Innovations in Special Education Technology \(ISET\)](#) - “Getting the Most out of What you Have: Maximizing Technology for Learning” conference on March 22 from 9AM – 3PM (NJPSA/FEA/NJAPSA)
 - [Monmouth University’s Special Services Professional Development Academy](#) for 2022-2023
 - For more information SSA or the BCBA Roundtable workshop series, please email soessa@monmouth.edu.
 - NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders
 - [The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute](#) hosts a 2023 Webinar Series on “[Exploring Mental Health and Behavioral Health Challenges in People with IDD](#)”

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- The Richard West Assistive Technology Advocacy Center (ATAC) of [Disability Rights New Jersey \(DRNJ\)](#) is hosting a:
 - Least Restrictive Environment Conference in March and a two day-course on the use of a Pragmatic Organization of Dynamic Display (PODD)
 - ATAC is pleased to provide complimentary unlimited access to the ATIA Learning Center.
- Announcements

1:00 pm – 1:15 pm Public Comments*

1:15 pm End of Public Session

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