

# *New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council*

## **JANUARY 16, 2025 AGENDA**

Hybrid Meeting:  
In-Person at Learning Resource Center-Central  
and Virtual *via Microsoft Teams*

**9:30 am – 9:45 am**

### **Call to Order**

Dr. Paul Barbato, Chairperson  
Jocelyn Gottlieb, Assistant Chairperson

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Review of Agenda
- Links Shared During Meetings

**9:45 am – 10:15 am**

### **Office of Special Education Standing Updates**

Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education

**10:15 am – 10:35 am**

### **Council Discussion**

- Old Business
  - [Dispute Resolution and Findings](#)
  - Priority Subcommittee Request Status
    - Timeline Review
    - Strategies for Exploration
- Announcements
  - State Resource Advisory (SPAN, NJSBA, DOC, JJC, DVRS, DOH, DCF, McKinney-Vento, etc.)
  - Advisory Council Connections
- Office of Special Education Connections (LRC, NJPBSIS, NJPIEP, etc.)

*During the following presentations, only SSEAC Council Members and Stakeholders can comment in the chat.*

**10:35 am – 11:00 am**

### **Updates: State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) and High Leverage Practices (HLPs)**

Erice Reid, Inclusion and State Transformation Specialist,  
Office of Special Education; Dr. Chinwe Osondu, Assistant  
Director, Office of Special Education

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

### **Discipline or Intervention? A Rationale for Root Cause Driven Approaches to Student Behavior**

Dr. Sharon Lohrmann, Director, NJ Positive Behavior  
Support in Schools (NJPBSIS)

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- 12:00 pm – 12:05 pm**                      **Break**
- 12:05 pm – 12:35 pm**                      **Indicators 5 and 6: Least Restrictive Environment; Introducing the Educational Environment Dashboard**
- Dr. Eileen Osieja, LRE Facilitator, Office of Special Education; Alexandra Pensiero, Federal Reporting and Engagement Specialist, Office of Special Education; Jen Nicosia, State Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator, Office of Special Education
- 12:35 pm – 12:50 pm**                      **Council Discussion**
- New Business
    - Appointments, Resignations and Retirements
      - Retirement: Eva Scott, Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI), Department of Human Services (DHS)
        - Appointment: Jessica Cubberley-Frazette, Director of CBVI (DHS)
      - Resignation: Diane Perez, Parent Member
    - Upcoming Meeting Reminders and Topics
      - *February (Virtual)* – Secondary Success (Indicators 1, 2, and 14); Dyslexia and Tiered Systems of Support (Early Literacy); Determinations Rubric
      - *March (In-Person)* – Achievement for SWD (Indicators 3 and 7); Climate and Culture Presentation; **Council Subcommittee Annual Report Drafts**
      - *April (No Meeting)*
      - *May (Virtual)* – Parent Involvement (Indicator 8); CIT-NJ Updates; 619 Updates; **Council Subcommittee Reports**; Annual Membership Survey
      - *June (In-Person)* – **Director’s Response**; Annual NJ-SSEAC Survey Results; 3rd Annual Special Education Celebration
    - Engagement Committee Report and Updates
    - Subcommittee Reports and Updates
      - Education in the Least Restrictive Environment (PreK-2)
      - Quality Instruction (i.e., Early Literacy)
      - Transition (14+)
      - Discipline/Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

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- [Monthly Meeting Evaluation Form](#)

**12:50 pm – 1:05 pm**

**Public Comments \***

**1:05 pm**

**End of Public Session**

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