



## Information Alert #1 Education Issues & Meetings December 2016

December 1, 2016

Over the next week several opportunities for stakeholder engagement will occur around a number of education issues relevant to students with disabilities. Below is a list of opportunities organized by topic.

### **Student Behavior and Discipline**

What: Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

When: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. December 2, 2016 ([Agenda](#))  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. December 9, 2016

Where: Claiborne Building, 1201 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, La.

The Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was created through Act 522 of 2016 to provide advice and guidance to BESE and LDOE regarding best practices in providing support to public schools in the adoption and implementation of each school's master plan for student behavior and discipline.

### **Funding**

What: Minimum Foundation Program Task Force ([Agenda](#))

When: 1:00 p.m. December 7, 2016

Where: Room 1-136 A and B, Thomas Jefferson Room  
Claiborne Building, 1201 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, La.

### **Accountability**

What: Accountability Commission ([Agenda](#))

When: 12:00 p.m. December 5, 2016

Where: Room 1-136 A and B, Thomas Jefferson Room  
Claiborne Building, 1201 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, La.

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What: Governor's Advisory Council on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

When: 9:30 a.m. December 8, 2016

Where: Governor's Press Room, 4th Floor  
Louisiana State Capitol, Baton Rouge, La.

The duties of the Governor's Advisory Council on ESSA include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Conduct an extensive review of the ESSA.
- Make recommendations on specific actions necessary for successful implementation of the ESSA in Louisiana.

- Submit to the Governor an initial and final report outlining the requirements and recommendations for implementation of the ESSA in Louisiana.

### **Teacher Shortages, Renewal of Charter Schools, and Standards for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities**

What: Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE)

When: Committee meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. December 6, 2016  
Full Board meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. December 7, 2016

Where: Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100  
Claiborne Building, 1201 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, La.

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### **Special Education Monitoring Rule Changes (12/9/16 deadline)**

A Notice of Intent for public input has been submitted by BESE covering two proposed changes, [one from the June BESE meeting](#) and [another from the October BESE meeting](#). The DD Council expressed concerns over the removal of parents from the process of deciding how schools are selected to be monitored and in facilitating parent town hall meetings during on-site monitoring visits. At its October meeting BESE did not make any changes to the proposed rules that satisfied the concerns expressed by parents of students with disabilities at the public hearing. Since BESE did not follow the procedures for changing language in these rules parents have another opportunity to voice concerns over these proposed rule changes.

What can you do?

Submit written comments on the proposed rule changes regarding special education to Shan Davis, Executive Director, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Box 94064, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, La 70804-9064 by December 9, 2016.

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