Action Alert #29 Join LaCAN Members at the Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting

September 25, 2017

The Special Education Advisory Panel is meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 without a majority of members being people with disabilities and parents of people with disabilities as required by federal law.

On August 9, 2017, the DD Council filed a formal complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Programs related to violations with membership on Louisiana’s Special Education Advisory Panel.

- [Council letter (8/9/17) of complaint to U.S. DOE OSEP Re: SEAP membership violation](#)
- [Attachments to Council letter of complaint to U.S. DOE OSEP](#)

On September 12, 2017 the DD Council issued a letter requesting the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) direct LDOE to make information on IDEA funding and programs publicly available to enable stakeholders the opportunities to participate in the planning for and operation of each program in the annual IDEA plan submitted by LDOE as required by federal law. The materials for the SEAP meeting this Wednesday contain some information on funding of some initiatives, which allows for input into some of the activities LDOE began or changed without adequate stakeholder input.

- [Council letter (9/12/17) to BESE Re: IDEA Funding and Family Support](#)

**TAKE ACTION - Participate at SEAP**

Join other LaCAN members by voicing your concerns over the lack of representation on SEAP and lack of information regarding state-wide special education activities.

**WHAT:** Special Education Advisory Panel

- [Agenda](#)
- [Materials](#)

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 pm

**WHERE:** Claiborne Building, Room 1-136

1201 N. Third St.
Confirm You Plan to Participate
Let us know if you plan to participate. Reply to this email or notify your LaCAN Leader to confirm your action.

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