

**MAASE Finance and Legislation**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**  
**12:00pm**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lansing**

*Welcome - Please sign in. Any student visitors?*

**1. Office of Special Education Updates**

- Administrative (Joanne Winkelman)
  - ADA accessible documents on the website. They look different but the information has not changed.
  - Lindsey Wellmers joined as a complaint investigator a week ago. She was an EI teacher.
  - All complaints are going through the CIMS system now. The good part of this is that you can upload documents into CIMS and will be housed there. It will work with any other CAPs you have through monitoring so you won't have double work. They can check what you are already doing. For example, if there is corrective action through a complaint but you are already addressing it through a CAP you will be all set. There are glitches right now but they are working on it.
  - No other update.
- Finance (John Andrejack)
  - Almost done with review of 4096 and 4094 reports. Costs should be updated on Feb state aid. Go out and look at your reports, there were issues with amortization and insurance they made adjustments and didn't ask you to adjust on your end. They expect to put 53 adjustments on March state aid payments.
  - Still in the process of working on the MOE tools for local school districts. Eligibility test for the first time this year. A group from MSBO is working on design of the tool. It is a part of submitting a budget that you are planning to meet effort before you receive your award. Everyone is included, even if you don't receive IDEA. The whole ISD is taken into consideration when distributing funds. Trying to bring everything back in to how that looks. Beginning of March they do the compliance testing for MOE for the prior year. They have been in the mix of program development where Catamaran was going to be, but they have struggled with that so they are running behind. They are using what they developed last year and just adding in another year. It will have the same feel as last year. No tool for districts to use (last year's tool won't work). The tool needs to be intuitive and will have complicated factors. Excess cost test is being finalized.
  - 51a 14/15 they are staying intimately involved with Supts on this. They are trying to get information out but they have to develop it through the Supt office. They are trying to get us the help we are requesting.
    - Q: pre-testing for federal dollars. What does that consist of?
    - A: They are looking as little as possible at it. There has always been a requirement to budget to meet MOE, we used to do it through assurance statements. Apparently that language changed and we didn't realize it. When they did a notice of proposed rule language they built in the requirements for states to receive the documentation. So now they have to build that. They don't

intend on receiving documentation for this, if they need it they will go back to the ISD and ask for it. It doesn't go back right to the prior year, it goes back 2 years for the eligibility testing. Compliance testing does look back at prior year.

- Program Accountability (Nancy Rotarius)
  - JoAnne gave above in Administration.

## **2. Karoub Update (Emily Laidlaw)**

- Karoub reports are available monthly on the MAASE Wiki (under the heading of "Updates")
  - Betsy DeVoss was confirmed with Mike Pence's vote
  - Committee assignments went out last week, they will start meeting this week
  - Agendas haven't been created in committees yet, so no real action
  - Pavlov has decided to take up section 1283 of the school code, School Reform Office, he wants to repeal that section and there is no agreed upon replacement. There will be another hearing this week.
  - Hiring preference bill will be introduced. If an ISD is expanding they still have to consider a local, that language still needs to be eliminated.
  - DNR bill from Ann Arbor pediatric advocacy committee. All Supts address this inconsistently right now. There will be 2 bills introduced in the Senate next week. This will add clarification.
  - Tomorrow we will see the Executive Budget come out. We will see how he decides to address 51 a in there. Other things to keep an eye on are income tax changes for school aid funds, 400 million less dollars to school aid which might switch around categoricals. They are keeping an eye on the federal level.
  - Pavlov introduced a bill to repeal common core.
  - Seclusion Restraint- recap of what happened last session. End of March is when the implementation starts.
  - Continue to build relationships with your local representatives. That is the most helpful. Invite them in to see what you do. When they are new they are likely to say yes to everything.

## **3. BoD & LAC (Eric Hoppstock/Abby Allen/Dave Manson)**

- Concept papers are now posted on the MAASE Wiki under "MAASE Positions and Input Statements"
  - Problem Solving/Dispute Resolution
  - EO Service Implications & Fiscal Impact of a Single Tiered Model
- Other things posted:
  - Platform and Priorities document
  - Seclusion Restraint Summary is also posted
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading summaries

## **4. Current Issues & Subcommittees**

- 51a (Lynette Lentz & Karen Howey)
  - They met last month and identified 4 key points to focus on
  - Meeting tomorrow morning
- Platform & Priorities (Wayne Abbott & John Bretschnieder)
  - Finished! Posted to the Wiki

- IDEA Reauthorization (Mindy Miller)
  - No report
- MAISA & OSE (Rachel Fuerer)
  - Ongoing discussion re: IDEA sub-recipient monitoring & state complaints
- Rachel Fuerer is on the Seclusion Restraint committee, they have 90 days to get policy done. They are looking at the old BOE document and making revisions. Make sure you give her feedback.
  - Q: Is MDE going to provide a list of trainings for districts?
  - A: There is money in the budget. Every ISD will have 2 trainers in crisis prevention, every district will have 2 people that have been trained. They don't know how all of that works yet but Teri will talk about it tomorrow
  - Q: MSDS and CEPI will have reporting requirements?
  - A: You have to gather medical information on the child, so they are now looking at what CEPI already collects and doesn't collect. They will have to come to some resolution about what the law says and what we have access to. Is this a privacy issue? We don't know. They will also be asking for numbers of kids who experience seclusion and restraint and they are working on a form to be used.

## 5. Professional Learning

- MAASE Legislative Action Seminar (MLAS) (Wayne Abbott, Renee Thelen)
  - March 21-22, 2017
  - Register on the MAASE website

## 6. Association Partnerships

- EO MICC Fiscal Ad Hoc Work Group (Tom Koepke, Andrew Rable)
  - Paper was created with recommendations:
    - Establish a work group for a single unified system
    - Maximize Medicaid
    - Pursue funds
    - Ask for legal opinion around private insurance
    - State funding for Early On
  - MDE has accepted the report, recommendations are on MICC website
  - Survey has been posted (approved by Susan Broman), link will be distributed
    - Ask for responses around recommendations and allow people to express interest in serving on work groups
- MCEC CAN Update (Carolyn Smith-Gerdes)
  - Legislative Summer is July 9-12, will now be at the Weston, registration info will be shared in the upcoming months. We typically offer a scholarship.
  - CEC hired a new policy coordinator. Katie Grady is the new person posting action alerts.

7. **Other items?** Please send agenda items to [rfuerer@eupschools.org](mailto:rfuerer@eupschools.org) or [mindy.miller@kresa.org](mailto:mindy.miller@kresa.org).