

MAASE Finance and Legislation
Tuesday, April 11, 2017
12:00pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lansing

Welcome - Please sign in. Any student visitors?

1. Office of Special Education Updates

- Administrative/Program Accountability (Joanne Winkleman)
 - Joanne passed out guidance on alternate assessment.
 - She mentioned that we could only count 1% of students as proficient on alternate assessment. Now it is the total number of students taking the alternate assessment can only be 1%, it does not matter about proficiency.
 - People need to be aware and make good decisions.
 - Students max out the functional assessment and should be moved into general assessment. They aren't worried about center programs, they want IEP teams to look at those students who are spending a significant amount of time in GE.
 - We cannot tell IEPs how to make decisions or put a limit on LEAs and how many students they have taking alternate assessments. If you are exceeding it you may be targeted for improvement plans.
 - Go to Spotlight published on March 2nd.
- Finance (John Andrejack)
 - Directors were updated yesterday, this is a similar update.
 - Where are estimated allocations? MDE hasn't been provided that information yet. As soon as they get districts will know. All you can do moving forward is to consider making it similar to last year. It won't be for a little while yet.
 - MOE- compliance testing would typically come out towards beginning of March. Because of the changes and more complex methodology, John is working with PSC to do testing and go through data this coming Friday. They hope to get testing out for 15/16 out soon. Working with MSBO to develop compliance testing for next year.
 - MOE training for MSBO will happen beginning of May. They may know more after that.
 - 51a, 14, 15, 16 language. There may be an update today based on a meeting with the Senator's office and a submission of language revision. They will be submitting counter language because current language is not allowable. Specifically, distributing funding directing to cybers but base amount to ISDs but you cannot break up distribution of the allocation. So that won't work.
 - Testing for electronic 4096 has been completed, will be in electronic for the next reporting cycle, there will be a demonstration/webinar, submitting dates will remain the same and will be available in August
 - Locals will submit to the ISD and ISD will submit to the state
 - CEPI will send out memo around the end of July about the process
- Teri Chapman (ISD Director Update)
 - They typically meet quarterly, but they have been meeting more often. They met on Monday for an impromptu meeting. They looked at SPP indicators and the broad intent of

Congress around these things. Also, the relationship of how we improve one so that it impacts others. They will be doing influence mapping to find a leverage point. If they could pick one priority area, what would it be so that it could have the biggest impact. Indicators are just information about a system that needs to be designed. So the bigger question is what are we doing around the requirements, what systems do we have to make sure they are being implemented, how do we deploy assistance to those who need it. Starting with fall of 18 for launch date of on site reviews. This will put us on the proactive side of how districts are implementing the law and utilizing ISDs. They will be meeting with ISD Supts to support Directors in ensuring provision of FAPE. They want to support Directors in engaging in conversations with local districts. May 2nd through May 11th will be Supt meetings.

- Seclusion/Restraint went into effect March 29th. Seclusion and restraint are prohibited, unless in an emergency situation (look at the definition). Data will be collected and they are going through a selection process to find people who can help write the guidelines. They want them out by fall if everything goes well. You need to prepare now by holding trainings, don't wait for the guidelines. Guidelines will provide additional information around data collection etc.
- State Board has approved a policy back in March, will be posted

2. Karoub Update (Emily Laidlaw)

- Karoub reports are available monthly on the MAASE Wiki (under the heading of "Updates")
- 9 weeks of session between now and summer break
- Bill has been introduced that says a state department cannot adopt rules that are stricter than the federal guidelines, would only be allowed through a preponderance of evidence
 - Working with legal counsel and ACLU
 - On the floor of the house and is a priority of the leadership
 - Could be rubber stamping the federal agenda
- Common Core Repeal, not sure if the bill is going to come up or not, this is the 3rd time in the past few years that it has come up
 - No scheduled committee meetings
 - MAASE did provide written comment, not in support of the bill
- 51a
 - Many groups are seeking changes on the language
 - Language is not final
 - Senator Hansen is leading the charge
- Early On Funding Request
 - A lot of great interest during the MLAS
 - Senator Hansen asked for more information and data...\$10 million was requested
 - We've identified something we can rally around for the next budget cycle
 - We need to work on getting a committee together to work on this issue for fall

3. BoD & LAC (Eric Hoppstock/Abby Allen/Dave Manson/Andy Claes)

4. Current Issues & Subcommittees

- 51a (Lynette Lentz & Karen Howey)
 - MAISA has a work group for 51a and has some concerns with the current language
 - There will be a meeting with MAISA, MDE, and cybers
 - MAASE Ad Hoc group meets tomorrow morning
 - Will look at the language from an implementation stand point
- Platform & Priorities (Rachel Fuerer)
 - Completed and posted on the MAASE website, useful during our legislative action day
- IDEA Reauthorization (Mindy Miller)
 - In the most recent CASE newsletter, there are 10 focus topics listed for IDEA Reauthorization
 - 7 out of the 10 focus topics align with MAASE's IDEA Reauthorization work from last year
 - CASE will be sending out a survey during the next few weeks to get feedback
 - MAASE members can use the MAASE Priorities for IDEA Reauthorization, MAASE Platform and Priorities, and Dispute Resolution One Pager for assistance with feedback

5. Professional Learning

- MAASE Legislative Action Seminar (MLAS) (Wayne Abbott, Renee Thelen)
 - Panel discussion Tuesday evening
 - 36 participants
 - 33 legislative visits, a number of 1st time participants
 - Feedback was positive
- Sign up for CEC Special Education Legislative Summit
 - July 9-12, 2017
 - Registration is open
 - Will be held at the Westin in Alexandria, VA this year

6. Association Partnerships

- EO MICC Fiscal Ad Hoc Work Group (Tom Koepke, Andrew Rable)
 - Looked at 5 areas: TANF, Medicaid, Single Tier, Private Insurance, State Allocations
 - Works groups will be developed based on the 5 areas
 - MICC and MAASE are partnering to begin this work
 - Tammy Mannis from MAASE (Early Childhood CoP) will help to lead
 - Slow, careful work is being recommended
- MCEC CAN Update (Carolyn Smith-Gerdes)
 - Watch for CAN alerts looking for legislative action

7. **Other items?** Please send agenda items to rfuerer@eupschools.org or mindy.miller@kresa.org.