

MAASE Finance and Legislation
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
12:00pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lansing

Welcome - Please sign in. Any student visitors?

1. Office of Special Education Updates

- **Administration**
Usability survey about their website - please fill that out! Recognition that it's not user friendly. Available until December 15th. They will use this information to reevaluate their website. Special education has its own tab now.
- **Program Accountability**
2.3% in Michigan are taking MI-Access. According to new regulations we can only have 1% take an alternate assessment. Still a decision made by an IEP team. Allowed a 1 year waiver, saying to the Federal Gov. - we know we have a problem and we are addressing it in this way in order to lower numbers. Public comment ends on December 20th. Google: MI-Access (it's on the webpage.) Question as to what the percentage in Michigan would be if we counted only students who take Supported and Participation assessments.
- **Finance**
Diane Easterling has retired after 39+ years. 3 positions now being filled in this area. Introduction of Scott and Joni who will be leading a lot of the work. Scott will be working with the State-Aid side of the work, as well as the flow-through and grants. Joni will work with MOE, excess cost, coordinated intervening services.
-Trying to build as much possible into Catamaran.
Currently wrapping up '15-'16, ending with 10 ISD's who have shortfalls with whom they will work. Eligibility to receive the federal grant - now being developed to be submitted through Catamaran. Those who have shortfalls, the result of that lead into setting the threshold for the '17-'18 year.
-Excess cost test. What is the amount that must be spent before you hit that excess cost threshold? OSEP is looking at - are your LEA's running the threshold setting piece?
-Business finance people are starting to get into Catamaran - depending on the ISD's to help locals getting this information.

2. Karoub Update (Emily Laidlaw)

- Karoub reports are available monthly on the MAASE Wiki (under the heading of "Updates")
 - Seclusion & Restraint bill - allows school resource officers the ability to do their law enforcement responsibilities. Up for hearing right now.
 - Enhancement millage bill - most likely a run at this next week
 - Guns bill - allow concealed carry in no-carry zones but bar open carry in house judiciary right now. Not interested in taking it up before break. Concerned the additional 8 hours may not be enough training. (You can regulate your student population, but not your adult contractor population.)
 - Pre-labor day start bill will not go this week. Votes in the senate, but majority leader is not letting it go.

-Sub shortage bill is stalled in the senate. They want to talk about entire teacher shortage bill. This might take some time.

-Early on - task force recommendation before break has helped with conversations. Gov. office has been asking for case studies.

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

-Information went out a week ago via email

-Continue to work on dispute resolution task force - what are best practices around the country?

4. **Current Issues & Subcommittees**

- Platform & Priorities (Rachel Fuerer)

- Committee work in progress. Goal to have doc finalized and to MAASE board for approval by Jan '18.

- IDEA Reauthorization (Mindy Miller)

On the agenda for fun. Connection is the work that the LAC is doing regarding dispute resolution.

5. **Professional Learning**

- MAASE Legislative Action Seminar (MLAS) (Wayne Abbott/Renee Thelen)

Wayne has stepped down as co-chair. Kristi Bonter will co-chair with Renee. Will meet after this meeting to fine tune some of the details.

6. **Association Partnerships**

- EO MICC Fiscal Ad Hoc Work Group (Tom Keepke, Andrew Rable)

Not here

- MCEC CAN update (Carolyn Smith-Gerdes)

No report

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