



MAASE Finance and Legislation Agenda Tuesday, December 10, 2013

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Agenda Items:

1. Update from MDE on State and Federal Finance (Andrejack, Easterling)
 - a) State Update - No new news! (Some discussion around MOE and what is out there based on the MAASE statement and some things going on federally.)
 - b) Federal Update - None
2. Update from MDE OES Program Accountability Unit (Diamond, Winkleman) - Not a lot of updates due to Fall Forum. The BAA recently did a comparison study comparing national assessment options for the legislature. The SBAC is the clear recommendation in the report. It is available on the BAA website. The DLM field test date will likely be pushed back into February. MDE still needs item reviewers for field testing. It should be people that understand the 1% population and are willing to provide feedback virtually. If you want to be on the DLM interest group listserv, contact Joanne Winkleman. Status quo for the moment when identifying state assessments and alternate assessments in IEPs for students.
3. 2013-14 Rule Package Update (Rotarius) - Superintendent will look at the rules this week. Back and forth with the regulatory affairs officers - fixing details. Continuing to do information sharing throughout the state. February public comment - will not be accepting email comments this next time. Finalizing webinars. At this point, cannot release any of the proposed language.

Director's office Update: News released this morning - EAA will receiving 10 new schools in the next year. These will be buildings within districts, and will be announced in January. NTTA Center given grant funds - \$15 million to develop components to develop PBIS into district plans. Restructure of transition projects. Hired June G. from National Transition Center (after Chuck retired in November) and comes with a lot of experience. Hired Maria Peak, as well. CIMS group changes - hired Jean Anderson Tippett under Jessica Brady for CIMS. Posting two positions for additional consultants.

4. CASE Update (Scott-Burton) - Michigan has a strong voice on the policy committee. Recently the CASE board approved CASE's comments on MOE. Resembles a lot of what Michigan's comments look like. For many years they've been trying to work with CEC on MOE issues, and they're finally feeling as though headway is being made while protecting FAPE.
5. Other items:
 - a) 4096 Funding Between Districts/ISDs (Fortino) - Issue is about being careful about "double dipping". Districts are not supposed to claim amounts they are being reimbursed from other districts...is of particular concern for professional development. There is a possibility of using an "enterprise account". Kathy Fortino is proposing having a work group to look at this issue.

- b) Early On Auditor General's Report (Peters) - November 15th the new update came out. Includes 7 findings and 8 recommendations. Looks at the whole of Part C and compliance with Part C rules and regulations. The report speaks to some of the concerns related to programs, services, and staffing qualifications. The feeling is that there is not enough discussion around the need for funding in this area. Significant information, we are strongly recommended to read this as there is work to be done. This may help with moving the system forward because it is widely known improvements are needed. The report was looked at from more of a best practice perspective versus a compliance perspective. This will be looked as data to assist with SPP Indicator 11.
- c) MAISA Virtual/Charter Legal Interpretation (Ghareeb) - There is a group identified to discuss the requests ISDs have gotten from virtual charters for funding. The big question is, "Who is responsible for FAPE?" A legal opinion looks at some virtual charters similarly to a 105c situation. The idea is to protect the ISDs and funding from where the virtual charters are located and move it more to the student's resident district. We have to be careful about the terminology of virtual versus cyber schools. There is a difference. Michigan Virtual Charter has recently sent out letters to ISDs requesting access to Act 18 dollars for students participating in their charter. Most ISDs are choosing to not respond to the letters.
- d) Interpreter Rules (Lopucki) - The "proposed rules" were leaked and are not the official proposed rules. These proposed rules will have a large impact on schools. The concerns with the leaked proposed rules relate to a lack of grace period, sub interpreters, the exception rule, and interveners.