State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children Update for OAPSA

Last SAPEC meeting: 3/30/17

Upcoming SAPEC meeting: 5/11/17

Summary Notes from 3/30/17 Meeting:

* OEC Director’s Updates
  + ESSA
    - Ohio released a draft plan in February 2017. Ohio requested and received feedback. The U.S Department of Education released a revised plan template in March so now Ohio is starting over and releasing new drafts of ESSA applications.
    - “Pause” on ESSA accountability component.
    - Additional Components:
      * Supporting at Risk Youth
      * Addressing Climate
      * Improving School Safety
      * Improving Literacy
      * Supporting Behavior and Mental Health
  + Revised Special Education Forms
    - In process……should be released soon
  + Ohio’s Part B IDEA Application Submission
    - Application to website 2/28/17-5/1/17
    - Stakeholder input 3/30/17
    - Opportunity for Public Comment 3/15/17-4/15/17
  + Dear Colleague Letter regarding preschool and young students with disabilities access to inclusive high quality early childhood programs.
    - Reaffirm commitment to inclusive preschool education programs
    - Reiterate that IDEA section 612(a)(5) applies to the placement of preschool children
    - Reporting educational environments data for preschool
    - Use of IDEA Part B funds to provide special education and related services
    - Placement options clarification
  + Review of Preschool Special Education; Ratio and Group Size
    - Conflicting requirements in licensing and special education rules
    - Confusion between ratio and caseload rules
      * Preschool Special Education
        + Maximum group size is 16
        + Staff to Children ratio 1:6
  + Graduation Requirements
    - Curriculum Requirement and Testing Requirements to get an Ohio Diploma
      * Curriculum-a minimum of 20 required hours
      * Testing
        + Ohio State Tests or
        + College Readiness Tests or
        + Industry credential and a work readiness score on WorkKeys
  + Ohio’s Annual Performance Report
    - Based on 15/16 school year data
    - Includes compliance and student outcome indicators, as well as the State Systematic Improvement Plan
    - Indicators with Progress
      * Assessment Participation
      * School aged LRE
      * Preschool LRE
      * Preschool Outcomes
      * Parent Involvement
      * Post-School outcomes
      * Resolution Sessions
      * Mediation agreements
    - Indicators with Slippage
      * Graduation Rates
      * Dropout Rates
      * Discipline discrepancies
  + Ad Hoc Committee Discussions
    - Dispute Resolution Complaint Form Reviewed
    - Preschool Operating Standards Revision discussed
    - Parent Engagement Efforts to Support Ohio’s Early Literacy Plan