

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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MEDIA ADVISORY

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Montgomery, AL - The Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) and the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) encourage the public to attend the upcoming meeting and offer input regarding special education services. Participation by concerned citizens at this meeting provides an opportunity to identify issues and unmet needs related to educational services for children with disabilities throughout the state.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 9 AM – noon - Comments from the public will be read aloud **during the allotted time on the agenda.**

 WHERE:
 Virtual Meeting for the SEAP Panel Members.

 https://alsde.webex.com/alsde/j.php?MTID=m771cdcc7d7684c02400bbf77af7ad977

 Enter the session password:
 SEAP012021

 To join the session by phone, Call-in toll number (US/Canada):
 1-650-479-3208

 Access code:
 145 245 1137

TOPIC: The SEAP will review current issues pertaining to services for students with disabilities.

Public comments will be read during the scheduled time period on the agenda. If you wish to submit public comments, they must be factual and objective and not mention a student, school, or individual by name or other confidential information.

Public written comments will be received by Dr. Melissa Card either by mail at Alabama State Department of Education, Special Education Services Section, Post Office Box 302101, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101, or by email at mcard@alsde.edu.

If interpreter services for non-English speaking and/or individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing are needed, please contact Dr. Card at <u>mcard@alsde.edu</u> or 334-694-4782. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

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 Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 9

 aloud during the allotted time

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