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PROPOSED APPLICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCED FOR FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDS

Montgomery, AL – In accordance with the detailed procedures prescribed by the Secretary of the U.S (United States) Department of Education, notice is hereby given that Alabama's proposed state application under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for the Part B and Preschool funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023/Alabama Fiscal Year (ALFY) 2024, school year (SY) 2023-2024 are available for review for 60 days (March 29, 2023-May 28, 2023). The application may be reviewed on the Department's website, www.alabamaachieves.org once on the website, select Community and Public Comment Page.

Written public comments on the Alabama Part B Application for FFY 2023/ALFY 2024 will be accepted by the Special Education Services Section for 30 calendar days, as required by federal law (March 29 through April 28, 2023). **The deadline for written comments from the public is April 28, 2023.** Written public comments will be accepted by email with the subject line Public Comment, FFY 2023 IDEA Part B Application to sesgrants@alsde.edu or may be submitted by mail to:

Alabama State Department of Education Special Education Services Section Attention: Public Comment, FFY 2023 IDEA Part B Application Post Office. Box 302101 Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

Once the application is approved by the U.S. Department of Education, the Alabama State Department of Education will award project grants and flow-through funds to education agencies for the education of identified children and youth with disabilities ages 3 to 21. Funds released to education agencies may be utilized in a variety of ways to provide appropriate services to students with disabilities. These services include but are not limited to, salaries and benefits for services provided, materials and instructional supplies, transportation costs, and related services for individuals with disabilities identified under the IDEA

Questions regarding the ALFY 2024 Part B, IDEA application and/or process may be directed to Mrs. Erika Richburg via email at <u>erichburg@alsde.edu</u> or via telephone at (334) 694-4782.