

SES Provider Audio Conference



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Conference called by:

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Notes:

Tierra Lisbon

SES Secretary

Summary from the Conference Call

At the October 15, 2008 SES provider conference call led by Mary Cross, some of the topics discussed included —

- The status of advertisements, notification that ads have been posted on the SES web page, and that the submission period for new ads is over. Also, reports are coming in about providers who are not adhering to the ad policy, with enforcement occurring.
- The eligibility requirements and the status of this year's amendment requests, advice on submitting certain ones, and advice on timelines for submitting them.
- Information about evaluations, internal and external, with an emphasis on the importance of submitting both ACCESS database information and external evaluation survey responses. While many more providers submitted survey responses this year than in the past year, MSDE must have 100% responses to these federally-mandated data requirements—and is collecting data on the record of those providers who respond and those who do not. Sanctions will result for those who continue to violate this policy.
- Work plans updates
- Concerns and problems with recruiting violations and the need to contact MSDE and LEAs with solid information about these problems. LEAs and MSDE are following up on these kinds of reports.
- The need for providers who plan to tutor in science -- now an area that can be offered in SES programs -- to make sure they submit an amendment request, when applicable, accompanied by the alignment of their program with the science VSC for each grade in which the subject is to be offered. If a provider has been approved to offer science, they also must make sure that their VSC alignment has been submitted to MSDE for review and approval. The web site for Maryland's science VSC is <http://mdk12.org/instruction/curriculum/science>.