

 <p>Maryland SESAC SPECIAL EDUCATION STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Maryland State Department of Education Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services 200 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201 (410) 767-7197</p> <p>Pamela Talley Leanne Carmona SEAC Co-Chairs</p>
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SESAC General Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2020
10:00am-1:00pm

Meeting held via google-meets

Attendees: Pamela Talley, Leanne Carmona (Co-Chairs), Sheila Billups, Tiffany Williams, Rachel Stoyanov, Rene Averitt-Sanzone, Rachel London, Martha Goodman, Wendy Balda, Jill Pierce, Karleen Spitulnik, Tai Dillard, Margorie Guldán, Neal Lichter, Kathy Kaufman, Marlene Powell, Sue Rattman, Dorie Flynn, Jennifer Brekke-Miles

Guests: none

Welcome: Offered by Pamela Talley/Leanne Carmona, SESAC Co-Chairs; introductions of all members accessing the meeting on-line were facilitated by Carmen Brown.

DEI/SES Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Marcella E. Franczkowski, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services (DEI/SES) met virtually with the SESAC to provide an overview and updates regarding the State's work to support students with disabilities and their families, local school systems, public agencies, and nonpublic schools in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. She commended the Developmental Disabilities Council, Parents' Place Maryland, and the advocacy community for all their support throughout this pandemic. She reviewed the expectations put forward by Dr. Karen Salmon and Governor Hogan for a "Continuity of Learning for all students," she summarized expectations for local school systems, continuum of teaching and learning, and provided updates regarding no waivers to IDEA (except for transition from Part C to Part B). Ms. Franczkowski reviewed a flow chart providing clear expectations of expectations and process for beginning recovery efforts. She opened the lines for Q&A to discuss varying models of recovery to address individualized needs for instruction and learning. At this time, parents and local school systems acknowledge the unknown of recovery plans and the timing to begin this recovery.

Certificate of Completion Workgroup: Pamela Talley has been the SESAC representative on the workgroup and provided updates to the SESAC, including recommendations to MSDE.

SESAC Annual Report: Pamela Talley provided a copy of the SECAC Annual Report to the SESAC, opening a discussion to finalize recommendations for the Assistant State Superintendent.

Public Comment: There was no public comment offered.

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Fall 2020- TBD