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TASK FORCE SESSION ANNOUNCED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Montgomery, AL – The Alabama State Department of Education, Office of Learning Support, Special Education Services Section, announces an upcoming Stakeholder Engagement Task Force Meeting to elicit input from designated stakeholders regarding special education services and the development of the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP), Phase II. The SSIP is a requirement by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), U. S. Department of Education, and Phase II of the SSIP will be submitted to OSEP no later than April 1, 2016. Phase I was submitted to OSEP prior to April 1, 2015, and Phase II is a required continuation report.

The SSIP is a multi-year State Improvement Plan that is to be developed with broad stakeholder input in order to improve results for students with disabilities in state-identified areas of need. Participation by stakeholders at this meeting provides an opportunity to identify current issues and to suggest improvement strategies in educational services for children with disabilities, as outlined in the requirements for the SSIP, Phase II. Designated stakeholders engaged in this task force session include special education advisory panel members and other educators, parents, and advocates for children with disabilities. Interested members of the public are invited to attend and observe this working task force session. Interpreters for the hearing impaired will be available.

WHEN: The meeting is Thursday, October 22, 2015, and will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end no later than 3:30 p.m. on the same day.


TOPIC: A Stakeholder Engagement Task Force Meeting will be convened to elicit input from the stakeholders regarding the development of the SSIP, Phase II.

For directions to the Alabama Regional Library conference room, please contact Mr. Ray Glasscock by calling 334-242-8114 or by e-mail at rayg@alsde.edu.

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