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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). The SSIP is a requirement of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), U. S. Department of Education, and will be submitted to OSEP no later than April 1, 2015.

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. 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.

WHEN: October 22, 2014

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end no later than 3:30 p.m. on the same day.

WHERE: Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Tallapoosa Room, 6030 Monticello Drive, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-6000.

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

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