



Superintendent’s District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education

Low Incidence Exceptionalities Sub-Committee Meeting

April 8th, 2025

1:00pm-3:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dadeschools.zoom.us/j/3513561743?pwd=Z3hQa2hJQzdmUFIPUHdqjhGVk03QT09>

AGENDA/MINUTES

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Lynn Miskiel	UM Debbie School
Shashana Howard	D/HH, MDCPS
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Jennifer Sando	Parent
Mara Kunitz	VI, MDCPS
Angel Perez	FAVI
Sascha Ramsay-Etienne	D/HH, MDCPS

- **Welcome/Introductions**
- Review of established 2024-2025 Goals
- **Goal 1:** To be able to provide the full continuum of services to students with sensory impairments by creating “cluster schools” in the District. D/HH students whose primary mode of communication is American Sign Language, inclusive of uninterrupted ASL Interpreter Services, D/HH counselor, D/HH Itinerant Services and access to afterschool activities and VI students can access the full continuum of services inclusive of the VI counselor, VI Teachers, Orientation & Mobility instructor, and creation of extensive materials (i.e. Braille transcription, assistive technology and tactile graphics and models).

During this school year a group of 9th grade students with VI eligibility were successfully brought together in a VI Cluster at Braddock Senior High School.

Opportunities for students with DHH eligibility continues to be under consideration but location of the students continues to be a challenge.

- **Goal 2:** To increase assistive technology in the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Department by piloting and implementing Google’s Live Transcription and provide video relay services for equity of access in communication at our program and cluster schools.

Live transcription for DHH. Created a pilot opportunity for secondary students to have experience with live transcription that may be available as they continue to post-secondary settings. ESE Supervisor

presented an Executive Summary of the project which indicated that the transcription tool was 90% successful when trialed in an algebra class. Next steps to broaden the opportunities for more students to implement this tool by purchasing additional devices.

- **Goal 3:** To increase student enrollment with Vocational Rehabilitations services. To have 18 DHH students aged 14 years and older complete the application for Vocational Rehabilitation. To have 100% of 14 years old and older VI students enrolled with The Division of Blind Services, the branch of Vocational Rehab for Visually Impaired students.

In Deaf/ Hard of Hearing Programs, 15 applications for Vocational Rehabilitation have been completed. We have 7 students that are already clients of Vocational Rehabilitation. In Visual Impairments Programs, we have 12 applications that have been completed with the Division of Blind Services for students aged 14 years and older. There are 17 students aged 14 years and older that are already clients of Division of Blind Services.

- Other Business:

DSI Rule Development Workshop is scheduled 3:00-4:00pm 4/9/25. Members of this committee will be attending via the virtual link.

- This concludes the Low Incidence Exceptionalities Sub-Committee meetings for the 2024-25 school year. We look forward to continuing the work in the upcoming 2025-26 school year.