



Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission

Special Education Committee Agenda

Date: February 26, 2025

Time: 4-5pm

Location: Zoom Link

Facilitator: Committee Chair, Yvonne VanLowe

- Purpose and attendance
- Welcome Dr McGhee
- Topic for discussion with Dr McGhee
 - 1) Clarification on Special Education Priority Submission: There was significant discussion during our January around why the special education priority developed in Summer 2024 was not submitted as one of the IDDC priorities. More importantly, how do we move forward in a practical and strategic way?
 - How should we be thinking about impacting special education via the Commission? For example, is there a certain scope or set of topics that should NOT be considered or explored by the Commission?
 - 2) Clarification on why the IDDC can not engage or advocate directly with/to MCPS.
- 3) If time permits, discuss suggested priorities:
 - 1) Review and understand the MCPS FY26 Operating Budget Recommendations related to special education. What questions, concerns or advocacy opportunities exist?
 - 2) Lack of consistent availability and delivery of wrap-around services (such speech, physical, occupational and other therapies/services) that contribute to growth and development of students with IDD.
 - 3) Lack of consistent delivery of wrap-around services that contribute to growth and development of students with IDD. Need to consider roles/responsibilities, tracking/monitoring, measurement, communications and decision making in the delivery of wrap-around services to students.
 - 4) Lack of clear and consistent communication from MCPS with the special education community.

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