The Arc Michigan Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2021

Meeting came to order at 3:30pm via Zoom.


SEAC Report and Notes-Kenya/Andrea B:
  o Scott K talked about the alternative **Paths to Graduation** information that he presented to the State Board in Dec. 2020.
  o Focus on Early Childhood Inclusion mentioned
  o Scott K’s idea is similar to Indiana with adding a General Diploma option (18 credits but different blend towards strengths of student to age 25)
    ▪ Postsecondary Readiness Requirement
    ▪ Work Readiness Requirement

  o New Special Education Program Flexibility-
    o The MDE announced there will be new flexibility given to address teacher shortages in specific special education programs.
    o Through the application of a waiver, districts can seek flexibility for the following programs for students with:
      • Cognitive Impairment
      • Emotional Impairment Specific Learning Disabilities
      • Speech & Language Impairment
      • Physical and Other Heath Impairment
      • Severe Multiple Impairment
    o Approved waivers allow currently endorsed special education teachers whose endorsement may not match the program where a vacancy exists, to be used when appropriately endorsed teachers cannot be hired for these specific programs.
    o Waivers for programs for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder are available under a separate waiver application process the department announced over a year ago.
    o This flexibility is available as a one-year renewable waiver.
    o For additional details pertaining to this new flexibility, please use the following link: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SE_Cert_Opps_Pandemic_723405_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SE_Cert_Opps_Pandemic_723405_7.pdf)
• **American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act/IDEA Funds**-Kelly Carter
  o ARP/IDEA Part B Amounts
  o Grants to States (flowthrough) $81,751,615
  o Preschool $ 6,372,624
• Revised Allocations including ARP funds to be sent to states in next few days.
• ARP/IDEA funds will go out under a separate Grant Award Notification (GAN)
• ARP/IDEA funds same Period of Availability as regular FFY 2021 funds (ending 9/30/2023)

  o **Due Process Hearings Reports** – Rebecca McIntyre: July 1, 2020-April 15, 2021
    o Due Process Complaints filed: 17
    o Expedited: 3
    o Dismissed/Withdrawn: 17
    o Final Decision and Order: 1
    o Pending: 10
  o **MDE-OSE Information Line (April 2021):**
    o 159 contacts
    o School personnel have called the hotline the most, followed by parents/guardians.
    o “Other Reason” is the top reason for the contact, followed by Child Find (3-6 years), Testing, Complaint Information, and IEP’s.

**Committee Business:**

**Read by Grade 3 (RBG3) and dyslexia bills:**
We briefly discussed dyslexia bills 380, 381, 382 and 383 and RBG3 bills 265 and 268.

Christin Nohner, Senior Government Affairs Consultant with RWC Advocacy (Arc MI lobbyist),
will be attending a **Special Education Committee Meeting** on **Monday, June 21** from **10:30-11:30**
to give us a general overview and status update about the Read by Grade 3 and dyslexia proposed legislation. **Please submit questions for Christin to Michelle by June 11.**
Please let Michelle know if you will be attending the meeting.

**Zoom Link to join this meeting** ONLY-

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84241878533?pwd=YmpsUmlqbC81eFAxQm9DdmNIL0dmUT09

**Meeting ID:** 842 4187 8533
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(an email was sent out to committee members with the above information related to the June 21 meeting on 6/3)

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Driscoll