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SUMMARY

6/13/25

Indiana State Advisory Council (SAC) on the Education of Children with Disabilities Online Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

State Advisory Council Chair Kim Dodson called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. A quorum did not attend.

P	Kim Dodson	A	Aleesia Johnson	P	Alicia Cooper for David Reed
A	Bethany Ecklor	P	Donald Koors	A	Michelle Robinson
A	Anthony England	P	Jonathan Kraeszig	A	Tiffany Sanders
A	Paloma Garza	A	Kristi Linson	A	Christopher Stilwell
A	Dennis Heathfield	P	Dr. Dawn McGrath	A	Sarah Watson
P	Dr. Nancy Holsapple	P	Molly McGuire	A	Lucy Witte
P	Funmi Ige-Wright	A	Dr. Leah Nellis		

P- Present A-Absent

Invited Guests:

- Angela Vaughn
- April Barnes, KIPP Indy Public Schools
- Scott Hanback, Tippecanoe School Corp.
- Christy Fraley, Tippecanoe School Corp
- Kelly Gaubauer, Tippecanoe School Corp.
- Alyssa Hart, KIPP Indy
- Jennifer Spencer, IDOE Education Specialist
- Maggie Hampton, IDOE Technical Assistance Specialist

Action Items

- **A quorum did not attend. March meeting minutes will be approved at the September meeting.**

Information Items

- **Staffing Updates:** Jennifer Spencer will be leaving the department this month.
- **Part B grant Package Updates:** A package (611 & 619) grant was posted for public comment. This has not been approved by OSEP. When OSEP approves the Part B application, there will be public comment again.
 - There has been some discussion about future grants arriving as a block grant. More information will be shared as it becomes available.
- **SPP/APR:** OSE should be receiving their rating next week.
- **DMS Audit Update:** There were 5 findings described in the [DMS Report](#).
 - Several revised policies and procedures have been drafted and provided to USED. The monitoring system is being developed and will be revisited in the September meeting. The deadline for some findings is 8/19/25, while others are given until

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5/23/26. Some immediate corrections are already in place. SAC's feedback is very important for these updates as a key stakeholder group. OSE will host office hours and document any feedback received.

- **Monitoring and Compliance Update:** OSE will be releasing Cohort 1 LEAs. OSE will reach out to Cohort 1 LEAs to request documentation for a desktop audit to begin with the least intrusive monitoring. If potential findings are discovered during a desktop review, then an onsite visit (and additional documentation) may be requested.
- **ASELI/ASSET/ISEAL Update:**
 - 796 completers in the ISEAL program are applying for mild or intense licenses. ISEAL is on an alternative license.
 - ASSET 105 completers. ASSET is a non-credit-based T2T program with a very high rate of completers passing the PRAXIS and adding mild/intense to their license.
 - ASELI's goal is to train more in director roles.
- **Significant Disproportionality Information** shared by Angela Vaughn:
 - Slides: [SAC Sig Dispro - June, 2025 \(1\).pdf](#)
 - Our state data for 2025 shows that Indiana does not have significant disproportionality in any category. We are making progress in areas of disproportionality.
 - We have 16 LEAs that are significantly disproportionate in the area of identification. 1 LEA made reasonable progress; 15 LEAs are required to reserve funds
 - 19 LEAs are significantly disproportionate in the area of discipline. 5 LEAs made progress, 14 required to reserve funds
 - The national average is 11.4 LEAs identified. Compared to other states, IN is very unique with our large number of districts.
 - The enrollment size of the LEA was also compared, and their identification under the risk ratio and the alternate risk ratio.
 - Once LEAs are identified, they are required to coordinate early intervening services and set aside funds to address factors contributing to the significant disproportionality. (The most common expenses are personnel, instructional materials, and professional development.)
 - Tippecanoe School Corp shared information:
 - Identified since 2021 in 2 categories: OSS 10 days or fewer, total disciplinary removals.
 - Engaged in PD with all sorts of staff, strengthening Tier 1 practices, created teams to analyze data, onboarded RBTs to train staff and implement behavior plans, and onboarded a behavior analyst.
 - Each subgroup has a decrease in the number of disciplinary removals.
 - The financial implications mean that the co-op was affected. Each year, roughly \$500,000 has been allocated.
 - Question: Is training the only thing that can be done to help reduce significant disproportionality?
 - There is an allowable cost document provided; training isn't the only option, but it is one.
 - KIPP Indy Schools shared information. Kim Barnes

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- Identified for total removals and out of school for less than 10 days,
- Made progress around programming needs and supports to keep students at school.
- The impact on small schools can be significant. Reserving funds impacts the work that was intended before the set-aside, which means pivoting in other areas.
- Kim Dodson noted the helpfulness of schools attending today to describe their progress.
- Question: What is the alternative to making sure that there is improvement?
 - Tippecanoe: Look at reasonable progress and eliminating risk for subgroups. Also, look at the overall state threshold rate to see how the LEA compares.
 - KIPP: There are times when progress is being made, but the need to spend funds the way they are allowed forces changes in other areas. Consider the allowable costs. Sometimes absences are related to programmatic issues, like transportation at a charter school.
- This conversation will continue. OSEP is requiring changes and a report by 5/26. Between now and the next meeting, OSE will be talking with groups to identify more solutions, including national technical assistance centers to advocate for Indiana and ensure that planned flexibilities are allowable.
- Question: How many requirements are Indiana discretionary, and what is federally mandated?
 - The risk ratio threshold is determined by the state.
 - 3-year flexibility: Some states make this determination annually.
 - The state can determine whether to use reasonable progress or not, but there is wide variance in the states that do. Must include progress over the last 2 years if using reasonable progress.
 - Consider adding a “weighted” risk ratio measure that would account for the demographics.
- Question: Is there a lack of interest from OSEP or USED to look into this due to the focus on race/ethnicity in this work?
 - OSE has not received this guidance from the OSEP or USED yet, but Indiana LEAs are asking about the impact.
- SAC attendees are encouraged to let Angela Vaughn know if they would like updates between now and the September meeting.
- **April Child Count:** The count is not verified yet. Currently, there are 205,911 students identified as having a disability in Indiana between the ages of 3 and 21. The count will be provided on the next agenda, once it is approved by the State Board of Education.
- **Good Cause Exemption:** The IREAD summer retest has occurred. Many students have been issued a GCE. The change in statute means that GCE is for retention, not an exemption from retaking IREAD. Students may be exempt from being retained, but are still required to take IREAD until passing or reaching 7th grade.
- **PowerSchool:** The IIEP system is currently “dark” for data migration. The new Special Programs system will go live on 7/18. School users and administrators are required to complete training. The intent of training modules is to ensure that when the Special Programs system is live in July, the field will be very familiar with it. There will be a

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parent portal that is more parent-friendly. CCCs and move-ins may still be held.

Discussion Items

- **Legislation Updates** shared by Kim Dodson
 - June 25: Leadership at the statehouse will come together to approve summer study committees to discuss issues. A few things requested have been asked of the Educational Committee, but nothing will be released until after 6/25. Kim will share updates.
 - The impact of the state budget cuts on education programs and their impact on students is being monitored. There have been cuts to ISD, ISBVI
 - Kim would like to invite Dr. Jenner to talk about how she is navigating these new times we are in. Dr. Holsapple will invite Dr. Jenner.
- **Additional updates** shared by Nancy Holsapple
 - SAC positions will be filled with Dr. Jenner's input soon.
 - Stakeholder input is important to OSE as we reflect on significant disproportionality updates.
 - Updates on findings from OSEP will be shared when available.
 - Please join office hour sessions, which are shared in Dr. Jenner's newsletter. SAC member opinions are valuable.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next SAC Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 12, 2025. Materials will be emailed to council members before the meeting.

Adjournment

Kim Dodson motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, and Nancy Holsapple seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.