

Private School Administrators,

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

In accordance with ESEA sections 1117 and 8501, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required to reach out annually to private schools regarding the provision of equitable services. This includes consultation and planning prior to the start of the next school year.

- For Title I, Part A LEAs must invite private schools (located within or outside of the LEA and the state) with students residing within the LEA's geographical boundaries.
- For Title VIII (Title I, Part C; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A; Title IV, Part A), LEAs must invite private schools located in the LEA's geographical boundaries.
- For Title VIII (Title IV, Part B), LEAs, Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and Institute of Higher Education (IHE) must invite private schools located in the geographical boundaries of the attendance area served by the grant program. The DCSS is proposing to submit five new 21st CCLC (Title IV, Part B) grants to the DOE in January 2024. This meeting will include consultation regarding the current grants and proposals.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

In accordance with IDEA regulation § 300.131, each LEA must annually locate, identify, and evaluate all children aged 3-21 with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private, including non-profit religious, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district served by the LEA. If a private school student is identified through the child find process, a consultation MUST occur between private school representatives, representatives of parents of parentally-placed private school children with disabilities and LEAs.

Initial Consultation Meeting Information

Consultation for services occurs in the school year prior to the start of services. Federal laws and regulations also outline topics that LEAs are required to review and explain in consultation. You are invited to meet with LEA officials to discuss equitable services under ESEA and IDEA for the next school year on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. This will be a Virtual Meeting at the following link:

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/hga-vnem-vuu>

Or dial: +(US) +1 505-705-1762? PIN: 683 227 126?#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/hga-vnem-vuu?pin=9567857590393>

As you respond to this invitation through your email or online, please do not hesitate to reach out to the LEA to answer questions, provide any program-specific information, or update any information. The primary point of contact for this meeting is Dr. Karen Stoutmire who can be reached at **770.651.2106** or by email karen.stoutmire@dcssga.org.