

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Directors of Special Education
Special Education State Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Jennifer J. Masoodi, J.D., Ph.D.
Assistant State Superintendent
Division of Special Education

DATE: April 1, 2026

RE: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 State Application for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Funds

Attached for your review is a copy of the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) proposed FFY 2026 State Application for IDEA Part B Federal Funds. The application includes a checklist of assurances that Maryland has policies and procedures in effect to comply with the requirements of IDEA. In accordance with the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), Maryland is required to post the proposed State Application for IDEA Part B Federal Funds for public review for 60 days and to accept comments for at least 30 days. The FFY 2026 State Application for the IDEA Part B Federal Funds is available for review from April 1, 2026 through June 1, 2026 on the MSDE website at <http://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Special-Education/IDEA.aspx>.

Please have the attached proposed FFY 2026 State Application for IDEA Part B Federal Funds available for review by interested parties in the office of the Director of Special Education for your local system or public agency. Written comments will be accepted from April 1, 2026 through May 2, 2026. Comments must be addressed to:

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If you have any concerns regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Richardson at 410-767-0261. Thank you.

Attachment