

March 5, 2025

RE: Invitation to Child Find Process and Annual Plan

The Montgomery County Public School system is now preparing its annual application for *Federal Part B Flow-Through Funds* for the 2025-26 school year. Federal regulations require that each school division spend a proportionate amount of its Flow-Through funds for special education students who are unilaterally enrolled by their parents in private schools or are home-schooled.

Representatives of private schools and parents of home-schooled children are invited to provide input into the development of these services. The Montgomery County Public School system is proposing that services be offered in the area of Speech and Language Therapy. Services are limited to the federal funding set-aside amount. Funding for the school year 2025-26 is not yet computed. The cost of these services, including transportation if desired, is deducted from this amount. Child Find activities such as screenings, evaluations and eligibility determination are not affected by this regulation and continue to be provided at no expense.

Representatives from private schools and parents of home-schooled children are invited to provide input into this proposal at a meeting on Monday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m. via Google Meet. To join the meeting, please use this <a href="link">link</a>. The Special Education Advisory Committee will accept public address comments virtually. Please contact SEAC Chair, Charlene Carpenter, via email at <a href="mailto:cecarpenter81509@gmail.com">cecarpenter81509@gmail.com</a> to sign up for public comment prior to the meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes and one appearance. Should anyone require special accommodations to participate in this meeting, or have questions please contact Dr. Anthony Walker, Director of Special Education at (540) 382-5100. Please reply to this email with your RSVP to let us know whether or not a representative from your school will be attending.