

MSDE NOTICE

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COMMENT PERIOD OPENS FOR IDEA APPLICATION

The General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) requires Maryland to make the proposed State application for funds under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) available for public review for 60 days and to accept comments for at least 30 days. The Maryland State Department of Education's State application for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010 is published from **March 8 through May 6, 2010**. The application includes a checklist of assurances that Maryland has policies and procedures in effect to comply with the requirements of IDEA 2004. Maryland assures that policies and procedures will be in effect as changes in State and local procedures are made consistent with the IDEA 2004. The plan for expenditure of state-level IDEA funds by category is also a component of the state application.

A copy of the plan may be reviewed by visiting the MSDE web site at <http://marylandpublicschools.org>. The proposed State application is also available for review by visiting the office of the local director of special education for a local school system.

Written comments only will be accepted from **March 15, 2010 through April 15, 2010**.

Comments must be addressed to:
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