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To: Kyle Estes, Interim Superintendent
From: Kenney Hartman, Director of Special Programs
Date: August 15, 2023
Re: Special Education Procedure Amendments

Amendments were made to 707 KAR 1:340 (3) and (4) which became effective July 1, 2022. The amendments were made in order to clarify the difference between an Admissions and Release Committee (ARC) meeting notice to parents and prior written notice provided to parents when a local education agency proposes or refuses to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of a student. The amendments also clarify the content of the notices and establish the timeframes in which each notice must be provided to parents.

In addition, amendments were made to 707 KAR 1:002 (29) and (65) on March 30, 2023. The amendments of section 1(29) deleted language that specifies ranges of hearing loss necessary to establish hearing impairment eligibility. The amendment of section 1(65) deleted language that prescribes the specified loss of visual acuity necessary to establish visual impairment.

As a result of these amendments, our district's current special education procedures will need to be amended to reflect these changes. Attached you will find the corresponding sections for these two amendments that need approval by the board.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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