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Dear Stakeholder:

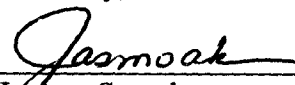
The Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE) and OSSE's Office of Review and Compliance (ORC) would like to invite you to participate in an upcoming event as part of our system-wide special education reform initiatives. We hope this, and future events, will complement the ongoing reform of the SHO's administrative functions and the training and evaluation of Hearing Officers.

The OSSE and the ORC will host an input session for attorney stakeholders from the special education due process system on **Wednesday, April 9** at 6:00 pm at a location to be determined by the RSVP response we receive. All attorneys and educational advocates practicing in the due process system are invited to attend this event. This input session will focus both on identifying and prioritizing current problems in the system and proposing and discussing possible solutions. Among the desired outcomes of this session will be to set a schedule for follow-on meetings, including meetings with other stakeholder groups. Please RSVP for this input session by **Wednesday, April 2**, to Elisabeth Morse (elisabeth.morse@dc.gov).

An agenda, including a list of proposed topics, will be circulated before the meeting. If there are topics you would like to see covered in this, or follow-on discussions, we welcome your suggestions. Please direct those suggestions to Ms. Morse or to Dakarai Thompson (dakarai.thompson@dc.gov).

Thank you for your time and consideration, and we hope that this event will be a useful and positive experience. We continue to appreciate the willingness of all stakeholders to work with OSSE at this exciting time.

Sincerely,



Jo Ann Smoak
Executive Director