**Special Meeting**

**Massachusetts Special Education Advisory Panel and Advisory Council**

**May 7, 2025– 1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

On January 16, 2025, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) received a letter from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). This letter summarized findings from OSEP’s monitoring visit conducted in February and March 2024, which reviewed portions of DESE’s general supervision system under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B.

The letter from OSEP identified specific areas where DESE was not in compliance with certain IDEA Part B requirements and outlined corrective actions that DESE must take. At the same time, OSEP recognized “the State’s continued efforts to improve the implementation of IDEA Part B and the development and implementation of a reasonably designed general supervision system which ensures compliance and improving results for students with disabilities."

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, DESE is working to enhance components of its general supervision system under IDEA Part B. This includes gathering input from stakeholders to inform the Department’s next steps.

A 30-minute period will be held for public participation. Members of the public may speak for up to two minutes.

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Department Overview
2. Discussion with Special Education Advisory Panel and Advisory Council
3. Public Participation