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State Superintendent of Schools

**MSDE NOTICE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**COMMENT PERIOD OPENS FOR PART B OF THE INDIVIDUALS  
WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA) STATE  
APPLICATION**

The General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) requires Maryland to make the proposed State Application for Federal 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 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 State Application for Federal Funds under Part B of IDEA is available for public review from March 13, 2020 through May 13, 2020 on the MSDE website at <http://marylandpublicschools.org>. The proposed FFY 2020 State Application under Part B of IDEA is also available for review at each office of the director of special education for a local school system and applicable public agency.

The application includes a checklist of assurances that Maryland has policies and procedures in effect to comply with the requirements of IDEA. Maryland assures that policies and procedures will be in effect as changes in State and local procedures are made consistent with the IDEA. The plan for expenditure of State-level IDEA funds by category is also a component of the State Application.

Written comments only will be accepted from **March 13, 2020 through April 13, 2020**.

Comments must be addressed to:

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If you have any concerns regarding this notice, please contact Gary Richardson, Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services, 410-767-0261.

Thank you.

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