Policy 15 – Public Participation

The following copies are attached and included as this item:

4a.1 Copy of current 2009 El Dorado County SELPA Policy 15 – Public Participation
4a.2 Redline copy of Policy 15 with proposed revisions
4a.3 Clean copy of Policy 15 with revisions included
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It shall be the policy of this SELPA that public hearings, adequate notice of the hearings, and an opportunity for comment available to the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities, are held prior to the adoption of any policies and/or regulations needed to comply with part B of the IDEA.

Per the Local Plan, policies are reviewed by the SELPA Steering Committee. While under Steering Committee review, the policies are available for review and comment by the public, parents of children with disabilities, or individuals with disabilities. Following Steering Committee, the policies are reviewed by the Executive Committee and recommendations are presented to the Superintendents’ Council. (It is the practice that policies are presented for a first read and then brought back for revision, review and/or adoption at a second read.) As adequate time occurs between the first and second readings, the SELPA school districts will have the policies available for review and comment by the public, parents of children with disabilities, or individuals with disabilities. After ratification by the Superintendents’ Council, the policies are approved by the County Board.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE
56205(a)

UNITED STATE CODE, TITLE 20
1412(a)(19)
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It shall be the policy of the SELPA to ensure that there are opportunities for public participation prior to the adoption of any SELPA policies or procedures. In order to support and encourage public participation, the SELPA will hold public hearings, provide adequate notice of the hearings, and provide opportunities for members of the public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities, to review and comment on any proposed policies, procedures, and/or regulations are held prior to the adoption of any policies and/or regulations necessary for compliance with part B of the IDEA.

Per the Pursuant to the Local Plan, any proposed policies (or amendments to policies) are reviewed by the SELPA Steering Committee ("Steering Committee") presented to the SELPA Superintendents’ Council for a first reading and then brought back for revision, review and/or adoption at a later meeting.

While under SELPA Superintendents’ Steering Committee Council review, the proposed policies are available for review and comment by member districts, the public, parents of children with disabilities, and individuals with disabilities. During this period of review, the Council may decide to request that the proposed policies (or amendments) be reviewed by other ad hoc committees or groups.

Following the period of Steering Committee and public review, the proposed policies and any comments are reviewed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee’s comments and recommendations are presented to the Superintendents’ Council which has final authority to approve any proposed policies. (It is the practice that policies are presented to the Superintendent’s Council for a first reading and then brought back for revision, review and/or adoption at a second reading at a later meeting.) As adequate time occurs between the first and second readings, the SELPA school member districts will have the policies available for review and comment by the public, parents of children with disabilities, and individuals with disabilities. After ratification by the Superintendents’ Council, the policies are approved by the County Board.

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