



Exceptional Education and Student Services Program Standards Leadership Committee:

We are pleased to invite you to join the *Exceptional Education and Student Services (EE/SS) Department* as a member of the **EE/SS Program Standards Committee**. This collaboration group is made up of teachers, parents, paraprofessionals, related services personnel, school administrators, community and agency service representatives along with district level administrators and staff. Participants will have the opportunity to review current program implementation, best practice research, and will play an active role as we begin the work of establishing standards for the following programs:

D/HH	Deaf and Hard of Hearing	VI	Blind and Visually Impaired
PI	Physically Impaired	ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
BS	Behavioral Supports	InD	Intellectual Disabilities
DT	Excel Day Treatment		
Pre-K VE	Pre-Kindergarten Disabilities Varying Exceptionalities		

Categories for discussion will be in the areas of:

Class size and Enrollment	Personnel and Staffing	Training and Professional Development
Technology	Scheduling	Curriculum and Instructional Delivery
Facilities	Equipment	Storage
Assessment	Documentation	Safety and Evacuation Plans
Data Collection	Related Services	Behavior Supports

As a stakeholder, the input you provide will assist the district in establishing quality standards to be considered as we enhance our programs using cutting edge initiatives. Your active participation is critical and valuable to the success of this endeavor.

Our kick-off meeting was held on January 21, 2010 at the Schultz with more than 80 people in attendance. If we are to make our ESE programs competitive world-wide, we want to consider your ideas of best practices as well. Make a contribution to this event and attend any of the next meetings that will take place throughout the city of Jacksonville (see calendar dates attachment).

The results of these meetings will affect you, your program, your students, your child, and your school. This is an opportunity for positive changes and improvements. Come to any of these meetings and make a difference in the recommendations and outcomes. Meetings will be held Monday through Saturday from February 4 through June 7, 2010 and at varying times in order to make it possible for you to attend.

We look forward to your participation!

Ken Sutton

**Executive Director
Exceptional Education and Student Services
Office (904) 390-2072
Fax: (904) 390-2435**