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Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #298-21

DATE: October 22, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **2021-2022 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* Proportionate Set-Aside Requirements**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is required by federal regulation to ensure all school divisions in Virginia comply with Part B of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* §300.133 and Appendix B to Part 300 - Proportionate Share Calculation, which mandates that each school division spend a proportionate amount of its Sections 611 and 619 allocations on providing special education and related services (including direct services) to home-schooled or parentally-placed private school children with disabilities.

The VDOE's Department of Special Education and Student Services (SESS) will continue utilizing the web-based Special Education Proportionate Set-Aside (Speced-PSA) Application for divisions to report their proportionate set-aside calculations for fiscal year 2021-2022. This application is used to calculate the required set-aside amounts associated with providing special education and related services to children and youth with disabilities who are home-schooled or parentally-placed in private elementary and secondary schools located in the division. Enhancements to the Speced-PSA Application have been made to include set-aside requirements under the *IDEA American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)* and child counts for eligible private school or home-schooled students not receiving services.

The Speced-PSA Application can be accessed by using the VDOE's [Single Sign-on for Web Systems](#) (SSWS) portal. The individuals that will be responsible for reviewing the worksheet and submitting the PSA information in SSWS will need to contact their local SSWS administrator to gain full access rights. All division superintendents or designees must access the Superintendent Data Collection Approvals (SDCA) Application to approve or disapprove submissions.

A pre-recorded training session for submitting the data will be made available to all school divisions. An Assistant Superintendent email from Dr. Samantha Hollins will be sent to Special Education Directors with the link for accessing the pre-recorded training. Also, a Question and Answer Zoom session will be held and the link for accessing the session will be included in the Assistant Superintendent's email.

Attachment A - IDEA Proportionate Set-Aside Guidance Document provides additional guidance and information for submitting the worksheet and the Superintendent's access to SDCA.

The collection window for submission and approval of the 2021-2022 proportionate set-aside calculation will open on **October 22, 2021**, and will close on **November 30, 2021**. All school divisions are required to complete the web-based application even if the division has no eligible students with disabilities that are home-schooled or parentally-placed in private schools.

For more information

Any questions concerning the Proportionate Set-Aside Calculation and the web-based application can be directed to Shalonda Lewis, Special Education Financial Data Specialist, at Shalonda.Lewis@doe.virginia.gov; telephone (804) 225-2701.

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- A. Attachment: [IDEA Proportionate Set-Aside Guidance Document](#) (DOCX)