



**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

TITLE: Special Education Parent Workshops for Spring 2020

NUMBER: MEM-083505

ISSUER: Anthony Aguilar, Chief of Special Education, Equity and Access Division of Special Education

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ROUTING
 All Locations
 Local District Superintendents
 Local District Directors of Instruction
 Administrators of Instruction
 Special Education Administrators
 PACE Administrators
 School Site Administrators
 Teachers
 Parent Center Directors

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information, including dates and locations, for the Modified Consent Decree (MCD) required parent trainings as well as various parent workshops being offered throughout the District by the Division of Special Education during the 2019-20 school year. Information regarding the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is also included. Schools are required to publicize and disseminate this information to all parents of students with disabilities.

MAJOR CHANGES: This memorandum replaces MEM-076505: Special Education Parent Workshops for 2019-2020, dated August 19, 2019. Major changes reflect that the *Parent Resources for Engagement and Student Success* (PRESS) Calendar Spring 2020 has replaced the Fall 2019 calendar. See Attachments D, E, F, G, and H. Lastly, the PRESS brochure has been updated to reflect Spring 2020.

INSTRUCTIONS: School site administrators are to download and print the MCD parent training calendars, CAC information, and the *Parent Resources for Engagement and Student Success* (PRESS) calendars and post them in a prominent location. The calendars can be accessed from the Division of Special Education website at <https://achieve.lausd.net/sped> under the Families tab. The Division of Special Education website contains the most current parent workshop information. In addition, site administrators are to disseminate these calendars at the beginning of each semester to the teachers and parents of students with disabilities. The MCD parent training calendars, information on CAC, and PRESS calendars include information on the following:

- The MCD mandates one six-hour or two three-hour parent trainings every fall and spring semester in each of the Local Districts. Topics covered include the following: parent participation at IEP meetings, how parents can support their child both at home and school, behavior supports, tips on how to eliminate a hostile environment, and parents



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as leaders. The MCD Parent Training calendar indicates the dates, times, and locations for the spring 2020 semester. **It is mandatory that the MCD Parent Training Calendar is distributed to parents of students with disabilities informing them of the spring 2020 trainings.** See Attachments A and B.

- The CAC is a State-mandated committee composed of parents, students, and professional and community members, who act to support students with disabilities and advise the District on issues related to the Special Education Local Plan. See Attachment C.
- The Division of Special Education offers various parent workshops throughout the District. The workshops that will be offered in the spring semester are in the following areas: Supporting Student Access to Curriculum, Positive Parenting, Dyslexia, Instruction, Social-Emotional Development and Advocacy, Tips and Tools for Positive Communication and Collaboration at IEP Meetings, and Graduation Requirements. The intent of these workshops is to inform and prepare all LAUSD parents on how to better help their child succeed in school. The workshops are available to all parents on a first-come, first-served basis, with the maximum number of attendees based solely on the room's capacity at the various locations. See Attachments D-H.
- The PRESS Calendar for the spring semester can be viewed and/or downloaded by going to the Division of Special Education website at <https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>, and clicking on the Families tab. In addition, the 2019-2020 PRESS brochure is available for all schools to share with parents of students with disabilities. See Attachment I.

ASSISTANCE:

For assistance or further information, please contact LaTanya Tolan, Specialist, Parent and Community Liaison, Division of Special Education, by telephone at 213-241-6701 or via email at latanya.tolan@lausd.net.