

# **AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

July 28, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Those present were Mr. Burnett, Ms. Cox, Dr. Haughey, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Mason, Ms. Kolan, Mr. Ikheloa, and Mrs. Rose (recorder).

## **Changes in Special Education Services**

Ms. Jackson reported that after the Classical Review, staff reviewed the array of special education programs and classes to reduce the sorting and placing of students and create a seamless and flexible continuum of settings and services.

To that end, staff has

1. Developed annually a description of services within the county
2. Collaborate with parents and staff for inclusion services
3. Train staff for inclusion
4. Combined learning and academic disabilities classes
5. Continue efforts to reduce non-public placements
6. Maximize provision of special education services in neighborhood schools
7. Increase age-appropriate options for all students with disabilities, ages 19-21

Followup for the future meetings

1. The number of children in MCPS served by inclusion
2. Technology data gathering and the directions from the state
3. Satisfaction surveys on transition services
4. Data on the Evaluative Review of the Home/School Initiative
5. Copy of CIT Report

Next Meeting

September 16, 2003

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.