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# Public Notice

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The Special Education Bureau (SEB) of the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) invites members of the community, parents, and school district personnel to attend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Advisory Panel meetings on September 12 and September 13, 2012. The meetings will be held at the Peñasco Independent School District, located on 13 School Road, Highway 75, Peñasco, NM 87553, (575) 587-2504. The meetings will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on September 12, 2012, and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on September 13, 2012.

The following subjects will be discussed:

- On September 12, 2012, the New Mexico State IDEA Advisory Panel will review annual reports and the Director's report. The day will conclude with a tour of Peñasco Independent Schools.
- On September 13, 2012, the New Mexico State IDEA Advisory Panel will establish and participate in their subcommittees to work on their goals and strategies for the 2012-2013 term.

The IDEA requires each state to create an IDEA Advisory Panel. New Mexico established and maintains an IDEA Advisory Panel for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for students with disabilities in the state. The SEB encourages community input for the overall improvement of the educational process for students with disabilities.

The IDEA Advisory Panel agenda can be found on the main page of the SEB's website at <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/seb/>. For information contact Rita Aquino at (505) 827-1457 or via email to [rita.aquino@state.nm.us](mailto:rita.aquino@state.nm.us).