

# Join Fellow LaTEACH Members in Purple! BESE needs to hear you voice!

**Action Alert #15** 

September 15, 2016

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) meets in two weeks to re-open discussion on Monitoring of School



Systems for Sp. Ed. Compliance.

WHEN: Thursday, September 29, 2016

TIME: TBA

WHERE: Claiborne Building
The Louisiana Purchase Room (1-100)
1201 N. Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Did you know that no on-site monitoring has occurred in 3 years?

Is your student receiving the supports and services he/she need to make progress?

Monitoring of local school systems is the only way the Louisiana Department of Education can assure students with disabilities are receiving an appropriate education. BESE members need to hear from you before they re-consider one of the most relevant issues to students with disabilities - how their school systems are held accountable for providing special education services.

In June, over parent objections, BESE agreed to change the rules for how LDOE monitors school systems for special education services. The main problem parents had with the changes was reducing the involvement of parents in the process. The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council wrote a letter requesting a public hearing so BESE will reconsider these changes to the special education monitoring rules.

- Click here to read the Council's letter to BESE.
- <u>Click here</u> to read the previous action alert when BESE first considered changes in Special Education monitoring.

If you don't have a purple LaTEACH shirt, contact your <u>LaTEACH Regional</u> <u>Leader</u> and we will provide one for you at the BESE meeting.

### **BESE Members**

Contact your BESE member to tell them how you feel about these issues.

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## Did You Take Action?

Ple ase let us know if you contacted your BESE Member or attended a BESE meeting by emailing us at <a href="mailto:info@lateach.org">info@lateach.org</a>.



## Any questions?

If there are any questions about the information in this alert, contact LaTEACH at:

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LaTEACH is an initiative of the <u>Louisiana Developmental Disabilities</u>

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