

Hello Ms. Cyr,

I am writing to provide feedback on several components of the master agreement as it relates to SPPS.

First, I have concerns regarding the requirement for public schools to file expedited hearings on behalf of SPPS. Our insurance policy does not provide coverage when the public unit files on behalf of another entity. This creates a significant conflict of interest, particularly when the public and private school may not be in disagreement about the underlying issue. I recommend revising or removing this requirement to avoid exposing public schools to potential legal and financial liability.

I would also appreciate clarification on whether a school that is approved to operate as a special education program and receives state funding may select which special education and related services it provides. Specifically, must the program provide all services outlined in a student's IEP, or may it offer only those services that fall within its approved service model? Clear guidance in this area is important for both placing SAUs and schools to fully understand their responsibilities.

Additionally, I am seeking clarification on the implications for private schools that choose not to sign the master contract. Would such a decision affect their approved status or their eligibility for state funding? This information is essential for planning and compliance.

I also recommend the following revisions to the contract language:

Section 2(5): *"The School shall inform the Placing SAU when a student is absent or out of program for 10 cumulative school days in the school year, and any subsequent 10 cumulative days out of program in that school year, so that the SAU can determine whether an IEP Team meeting is required."* This change supports timely communication and aligns expectations with IEP team processes.

Section 6(a): I recommend changing "10 business days" to "10 school days" to ensure clarity and consistency with standard educational timelines and reporting cycles.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sarah Bolduc-Ignasiak